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Excitement builds as canoe marathon approaches

More than 40 of the top marathon canoe racing teams from Canada and the U. S. will converge on Grayling for the 49th annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon July 27 and 28.

The AuSable River, often called the finest family canoeing and fly-fishing trout stream east of the Mississippi, will be the stage for one of the toughest competitive sporting events on this continent.

Since 1947, the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon has been known as a tough, ultra-endurance event.

The race begins at dusk on Saturday, July 27 with a LeMans start. With this type of beginning, the racers pick up their canoes and run from Grayling State Bank on Michigan Avenue, down Peninsular Avenue to Ray's Canoe Livery on the AuSable River.

From there the teams paddle 120 miles to Oscoda. Most teams paddle at a rate of 60 to 90 paddle strokes per minute. Each team must also portage six hydroelectric dams.

Courthouse closed due to asbestos

By Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously July 23, to close the courthouse from 4:30 a.m., July 23, through Friday, July 25, to remove the asbestos found in the building.

Michael Mealy, industrial hygienist for the Michigan Department of Consumer & Industry Services, said after reviewing the test data, "There is no danger to the community. The levels of asbestos found in the (Crawford County Courthouse) are below the state's clearance levels for contamination."

Crawford County Clerk Sandra Moore noticed a "film coming out of the vault last Thursday after the demolition work done to remove the boiler from the basement."

Moore contacted the heating contractor, Honeywell, Inc. and the state's Department of Environmental Quality, the union representatives involved, and the Crawford County Health Department.

Jeremy Westcott of Environmental Testing & Consulting, Inc. said they came as quickly as they could and did a series of air and dust testing in the building.

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During the 8 hours of night racing, the teams receive no outside help except for food, drink and clothing from "bank runners" or "feeders."

Among the contestants expected to compete is 71-year-old Al Widing, Sr. of Mio. This appearance continues a long string of AuSable Canoe Marathons that span five decades.

Widing is teamed up with 58-year-old Forest Haines of Adrian. Haines is a former Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon amateur-division champion.

The pre-race favorites include Triple Crown champion Serge Corbin, 39, of St. Boniface, Quebec. Corbin will race with Grayling's Jeff Kolka, 37. Kolka has come close to taking an AuSable Marathon championship, finishing second on several occasions.

Last year, Jim Harwood, 31, of Grayling and Patrick Lynch, 31, of Shawinigan, Quebec, broke Corbin's string of 10 consecutive Triple Crown race victories with their win on the AuSable. The current champs are teamed up again to attempt a repeat. Lynch is currently ranked second in the Triple Crown standings and in hot pursuit of Corbin for the top position.

Solomon Carriere, 39, of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan, who was Corbin's partner and shared the Triple Crown championship in each of the past three years will race with Bruce Barton, of Homer.

Carriere and Corbin set the current AuSable Marathon record in 1994 with a time of 13 hours, 58 minutes, and eight seconds.

Barton, who's brother Greg is a two-time Olympic kayak gold medalist, is in the hunt for his first Marathon victory. He finished second last year with Grayling's Jeff Kolka.

Other teams to keep an eye on include: Bill Torongo, 34, of Roscommon and Calvin Hassel, 32, of Grand Island, Neb.; Tim Triebold, 43, of Marinette, Wisc. and Al Rudquist, 36, of Grand Rapids, Minn.; Randy Drake, 42, and Paul Fecteau, 28, of Virginia Beach, Vir.

Torongo and Rudquist are tied for third in the Triple Crown standings, while Hassel is fifth.

The AuSable Marathon is also known as one of the toughest spectator events. More than 40,000 fans may view all or part of the race by hopscotching to bridges, access sites, and dam portages along the AuSable River.

The marathon begins with sprints for position on Thursday and Friday, July 25 and 26. Each team paddles a short looped course and their lapped time determines their starting row position for the 120-mile run to the river.

The Glen's Supermarket AuSable Challenge Events on Saturday, July 27.

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Tribute Race begins race activities



AND THEY'RE OFF!--The Bear's Country Inn's First Annual Paddler's Tribute Canoe Race on Sunday, July 21 began the race festivities. Almost of the participants registered for Saturday and Sunday's Marathon competed in this first event. Serge Corbin and Grayling's Jeff Kolka came in first with a time of 5:06.04. Last year's marathon winners, Patrick Lynch and Grayling's Jim Harwood finished 6th in the race with a time of 5:22.82.

Photo by Jerry Meyer

Supreme court to launch new 46th Circuit Trial Court

By Shirley D. Schmoock
Freelance Writer

Alton T. Davis, chief judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court, appeared before the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on July 9, and gave a detailed description of this 24-month demonstration project.

He explained that the consolidation of Otsego, Kalkaska and Crawford Counties into a single district was expected make the entire legal process more efficient.

Davis opened his presentation by

saying he was "taken back by some of the comments in the Avalanche." He took exception to the statement that "I can't see the advantage to the taxpayer," and said "all the facilities purchased, all equipment, phones, and hardware for the computers will remain here with the taxpayers. We expect a time savings all around, which will mean a direct dollar savings for the taxpayer."

Prior to the supreme court redrawing the boundaries of the districts, the court requested input from attorneys, judges, and from various organizations which have business with the courts.

Court employees and law enforcement officials were also invited into the process and asked to provide their ideas to the court, as well.

"The supreme court has superintending control to make judges out of attorneys," Davis said, "but before they could reconfigure the entire court system for the State of Michigan, they needed information from all of us."

Crawford County did not make a request initially to become a part of this demonstration project. It was only after the supreme court approached Crawford County that the demonstration project here began to take shape.

"The supreme court selected six different places and determined under

what circumstances these pilot areas would operate," Davis said.

"They requested the judges within these proposed districts to do what they could to agree upon a chief judge and then to proceed with a plan of

operation.

"The supreme court is funding this entire demonstration project. The counties involved, however, are being asked not to reduce their operating

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August 6 millage vote for Grayling Recreational Authority approaches

By Michael D. Lee
Staff Writer

The Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) is two weeks away from a millage vote that could end 20 years of service.

Since its birth, the GRA's purpose has been to provide recreational programs for the residents of Crawford County.

Pauline Petrosky, vice-chair of the GRA board and board member since 1979, said the Authority was formed in 1976 by area schools, cities and townships "to administer the property given to Crawford County in the Hanson land grant."

Its initial function was to continue operation of the Hanson Hills Ski area, which, says Petrosky, was the first ski area of its kind in Michigan.

In 1986, the GRA board decided it needed a millage to continue offering quality service. Petrosky said two major reasons fueled this sentiment.

First, more ski areas in Michigan had decreased the attraction of the Hanson Hills ski area. This led to decreased use and, therefore, revenues to run the GRA.

Secondly, the GRA wanted to provide year round service, but needed more money to fund a year round operation.

In 1986, a vote passed to provide a one-fourth mill to the GRA. That millage expired in 1988, but was renewed in 1989 at the same one-fourth mill.

The GRA's budget in 1989 was \$150,000. Since then, according to Petrosky, the GRA's budget has slowly been strangled by a stagnant millage and a budget which has grown this year to \$290,000.

Petrosky said that although the one-fourth mill provides only \$70,000 to \$75,000, it is vital because it "keeps fees at a reasonable rate" by supplementing those fees charged for each program or activity. Since the first millage in 1986, Petrosky says fees have increased five to 10 percent, but costs have doubled.

Petrosky said the costs charged by the GRA are comparable to what other recreation programs in Michigan charge.

She cited a statement from a resident who recently moved to Grayling from Indiana. According to this person, a six-week soccer program spon-

sored by an organization similar to the GRA, cost \$42 per child. The GRA's soccer program cost \$25.

In 1994, the GRA's bid to increase the millage to one-half failed to pass the vote. Instead, the millage expired in December 1995. Petrosky said the millage vote failed because of a lot of confusion.

The GRA asked the people to approve a new one-half mill when the one-fourth mill expired in May 1996. However, Petrosky said voters probably thought approval would immediately give the GRA one-half mill, then would add another one-half mill in May 1996.

Petrosky also said the election of 1994 was very anti-government and many other millages in the state of Michigan failed on that ballot.

A third cause for failure, Petrosky said, was that Gov. Jim Engler had just lowered property taxes and people were tired of all the requests for tax increases.

The vote on Aug. 6 could approve a new one-half millage for the GRA.

Without this millage, Petrosky says the GRA will not survive. "I just can't imagine," she says "how things could work out."



GREETINGS--Nancy Lemmon is greeted by Hon. James H. Brickley, John B. Kirkendall and John Hunter at the Crawford County courtroom.

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Registrations set for River Festival Parade

Registration for the AuSable River Festival Parade will be at noon, Saturday, July 27, at the corner of Galen and Michigan Avenue.

The parade starts at 3 p.m., with approximately 70 entries.

The handicap section for viewing the parade is on Michigan Avenue in front of Michelson Memorial Methodist Church.

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Bridge closures may keep spectators safe

By Michael D. Lee
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Sheriff Department will close Stephan, Wakeley, and McMasters bridges for the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon July 25 to 27.

The primary motivation, according to Joe Wakeley, Crawford County Treasurer, is the safety of spectators. Wakeley says the policy has worked well in its three years of use.

The bridges are being closed, Wakeley says, "because with so many people standing on the bridge and so many cars driving up to the bridge, somebody's going to get hurt."

Wakeley also said that only the bridges are closed, not the roads, so people living on or near S. Stephan Bridge Road, Wakeley Bridge Road, and McMasters Bridge Road will still be able to reach their homes.

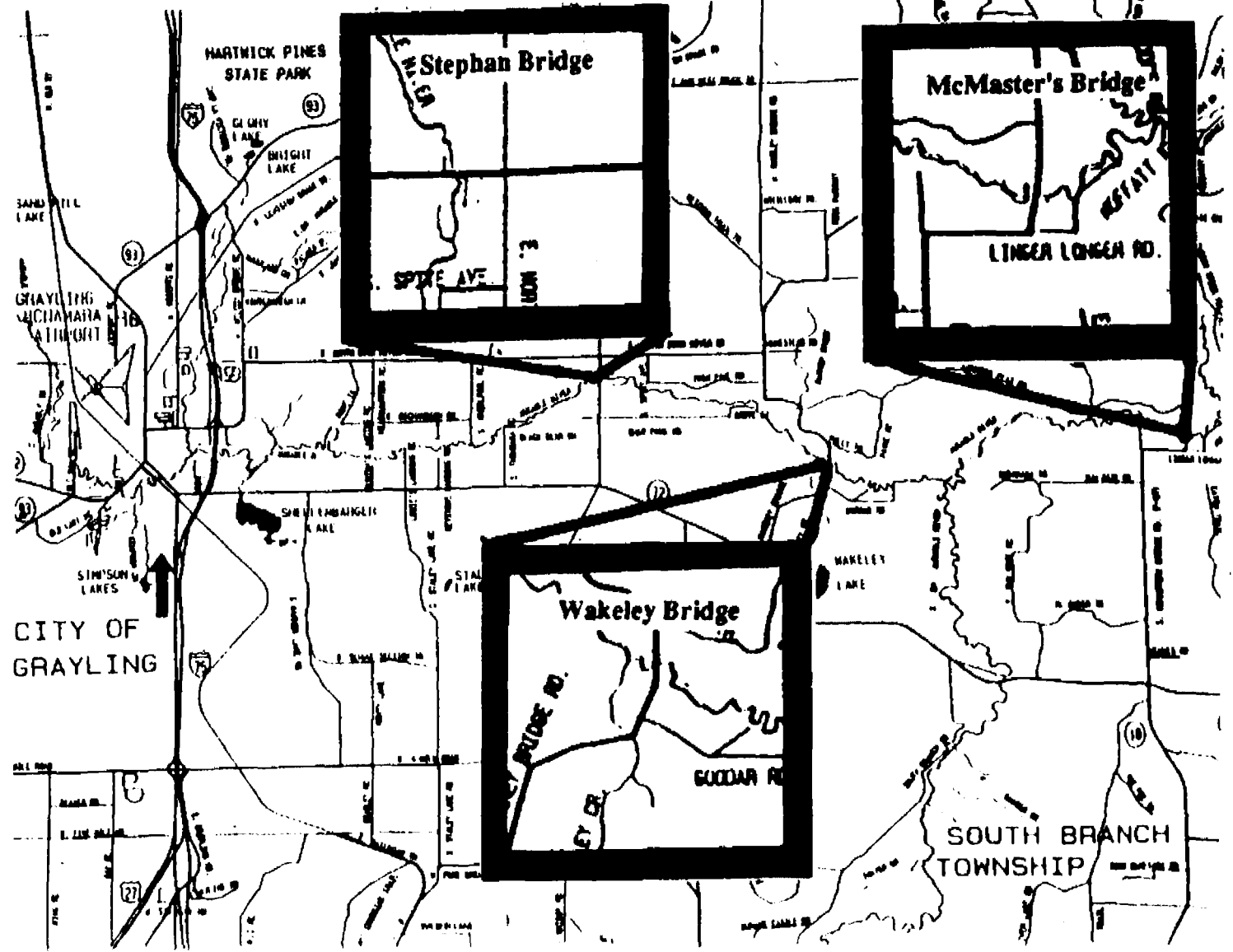
There will be roadblocks in place before the bridges where people can park their cars. From there, spectators can take Dial-A-Ride buses to the bridges.

Race followers may want to keep in mind that because the bridges are closed, if they start following the race on E. North Down River Road they will not be able to switch to E. M-72 by way of the bridges.

Those who wish to cross to the other side of the river will have to do so by other routes.

Once the race has moved into Oscoda County, it is the responsibility of the Oscoda County Sheriff Department whether to close their bridges.

However, Wakeley said that most of the traffic is clear and conditions safer by the time spectators reach the Oscoda County line.






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AuSable marathon excitement builds



TRY FOR A REPEAT--Grayling's Jim Harwood (R) and Patrick Lynch (F) will defend their 1995 Marathon championship.

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27 in Grayling and Sunday, July 28 in Oscoda offer novices and more serious competitors the chance to challenge the AuSable in shorter races.

The AuSable Marathon is the middle leg of the North American Triple Crown of Canoe Racing. Many of the contestants expected to compete in the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon are also participating in the Triple Crown.

This year, cash and prizes awarded at the three races in the series together with Triple Crown awards will total more than \$100,000.

The Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing recognizes the top performances by marathon canoe racers who compete in the three series races.

The first leg of the Triple Crown is the General Clinton Canoe Regatta, staged Memorial Day on New York's Susquehanna River, a one-day, non-stop 70 mile race from Cooperstown to Bainbridge.

The second part is the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Finally, the racers tackle La Classique Canots de la Mauricie, which takes place Labor Day weekend on central Quebec's St. Maurice River. This is a three-day, three-stage race from La Tuque to Shawinigan.

The AuSable Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's "AuSable River Festival" and "Oscoda's AuSable River Days."

For more information about the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon and festivals, call the Grayling Area Visitors Council at 1-800-937-8837 or the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-235-4625.

BIRTHS

The following parents announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Timothy and Angel Moore of Grayling: Ezekiel Daniel, July 6, 1996.

William and Mary Harwood of Roscommon: Matthew James, July 6, 1996.

Victor and Mandy Baker of Grayling: Lonnie Wayne Baker, July 8, 1996.

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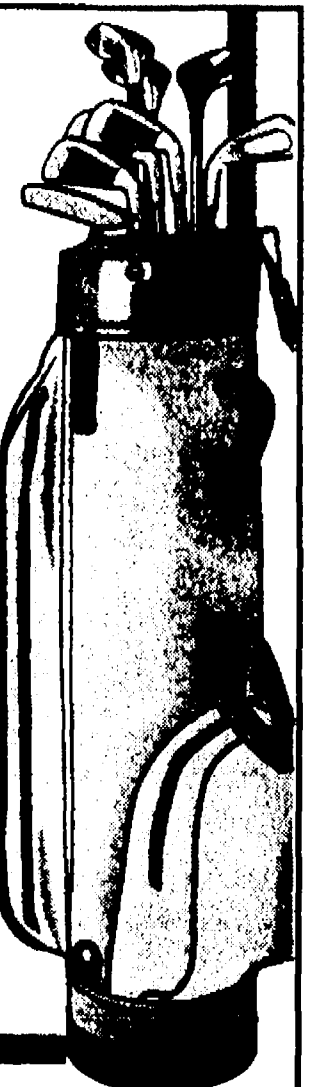
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

AuSable Marathon Festival Approaches

Grayling residents and tourists await the AuSable Marathon Festival which leads up to the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The festival events kick off on Thursday, July 25 with a kid's fishing contest, Grayling Business Relay Canoe Races, and the first day of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon Sprints for starting position.

The marathon sprints, staged at Penrod's Canoe Livery, are much like Indy-car qualifying, as each canoe racing team individually paddles a short looped course. The sprint times determine the teams' starting row position for the marathon's LeMans-style running through the streets of Grayling at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 27.

On Friday, July 26, at 10 a.m., the AuSable River Festival Arts & Crafts Show gets underway in the Grayling City Park. The show is open until 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Also, at 10 a.m., youth canoe races

start at Carlisle Canoe Livery.

Many of the marathon contestants will lend their assistance to the 8th Annual Special Olympics Challenge at 5 p.m. on Friday.

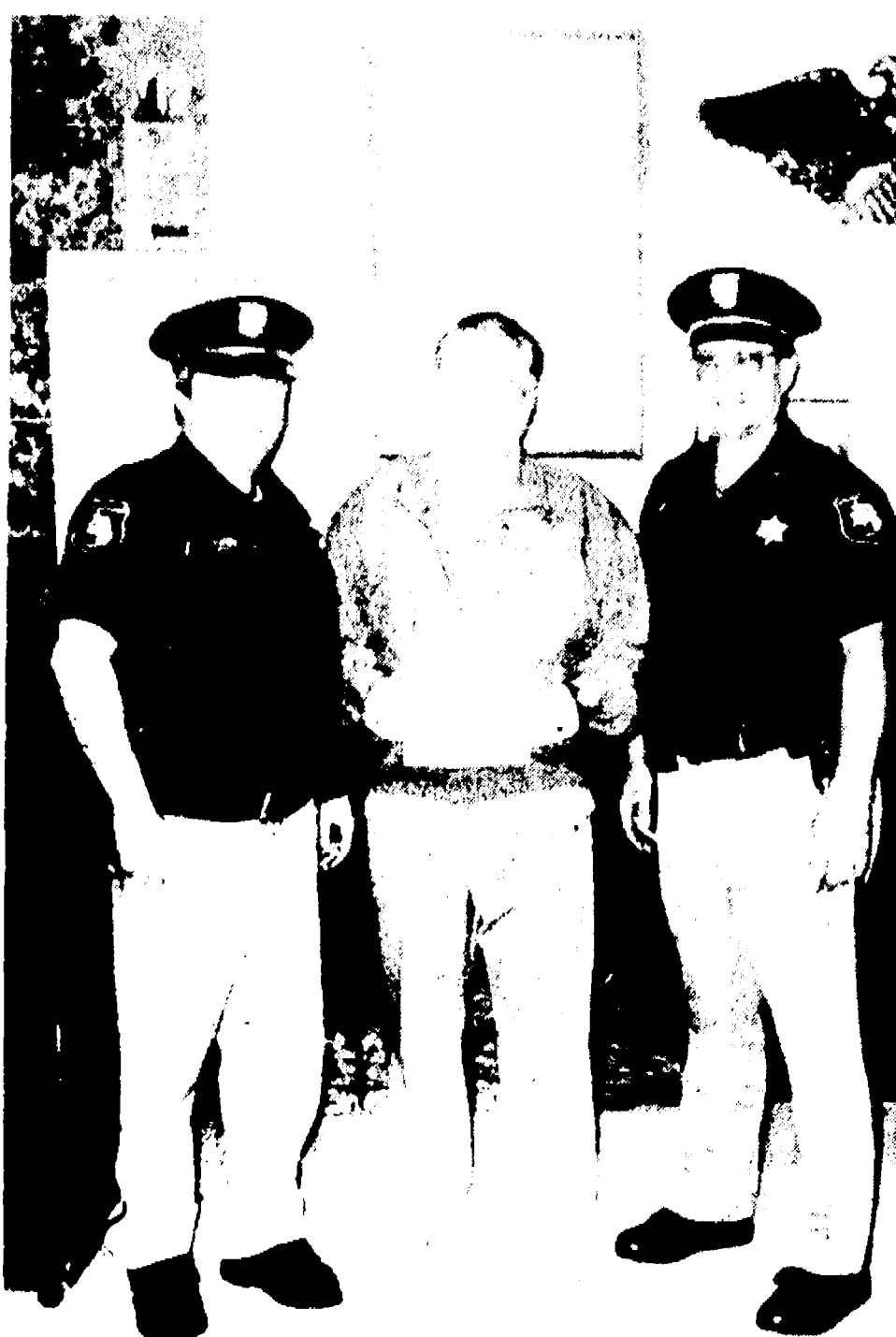
Saturday, July 27 dawns with an Antique Car Show, staged on uptown Grayling's "main drag"—Michigan Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At 8:30 a.m., blast of a starter's pistol will signal the 17th Annual Mercy Hospital AuSable River 10k Run & Walk.

The AuSable River Marathon Festival Parade, at 3 p.m. on Michigan Avenue is an impressive and entertaining crowd favorite.

When the parade ends, the crowd knows that marathon time is near. Thousands of spectators begin will arrive on the riverbank in time to see the Glen's Market AuSable Challenge Races, with various race classes starting between 5 and 6 p.m.

The pre-race entertainment program kicks off at 6:30 p.m., leading up to the 9 p.m. marathon start.



HELP FOR THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM--John Kuszak (C) of the Grayling Eagles club, Aerie 3465, gives a \$1,000 donation to Sheriff David Loveley (L) and Lt. Jim Parker (R), who represent the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the D.A.R.E. program.

Students participate in summer youth program

Two area students recently participated in Michigan Technological University's 20th-annual Summer Youth Program. They were among approximately 1,000 junior and senior high school students attending this summer's sessions.

Each student has the opportunity to participate in one of 56 week-long explorations. Program design focuses on career exploration and the development of new skills through laboratory, classroom and field experiences.

Michael Latusek is the son of Tony and Sandra Latusek of Frederic, and is

a freshman at Grayling High School.

Nathan Wendell is the son of Lawrence and Maryann Wendell of Lewiston. He is a freshman at Johannesburg-Lewiston Senior High in Johannesburg, and participates in basketball and track.

Service group celebrates anniversary

The Lovells Cheerful Givers Club celebrated their 65th anniversary Thursday, June 20, with a luncheon at the Lovells Hotel. Twenty-six guests were present. They came from Grayling, Gaylord, Indian River, Lewiston and Lovells.

It is the oldest club in the area, a non-profit group working together for the community.

of age, who meet eligibility requirements. The goal is to increase social and educational skills.

When applying, parents or guardians should bring proof of income, a copy of the child's birth certificate, the child's immunization record, parent's or guardian's Social Security numbers and Medicaid card (if applicable). For more information call (517) 348-7639.

Benefit dinner planned for Brock McClanahan

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held on Aug. 4, from 1 to 8 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Grayling, to benefit Brock McClanahan of Grayling.

McClanahan will be treated in an experimental study at the University of Michigan for breast cancer. He will undergo high doses of chemotherapy with bone marrow transplantation.

The McClanahan Foundation

Committee has arranged the benefit spaghetti dinner to help offset the family's massive medical bills and other related expenses.

Tickets are \$5 per person with a \$15 maximum charge for families. Tickets are available at Grayling Entertainment, A Cut Above, Heads Up North, DuBois Lumber, Mac's Drug Store, Bear's Country Inn and Ole Dam Party Store.

Youth fly-fishing workshop to be offered

Youth ages eight and up who are interested in fly fishing need to enroll in the one-day workshop, 4-H Fly Fishing/Trout Unlimited. The workshop will be taught by Steve Southard, Bob Andrus and other members of the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

All equipment is provided. There will be two classes held: youth ages 8-11, Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, cost \$8; and youth 12 and older, Wednesday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided for students this day, cost \$10.

The workshop will be held at the Fly

Factory/Ray's Canoe Livery. For more information or to enroll, call the Crawford County 4-H office at 348-2844, ext. 264. Enrollment deadline is Aug. 5.

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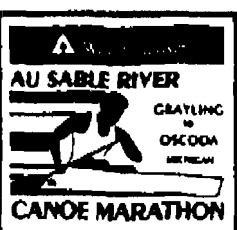
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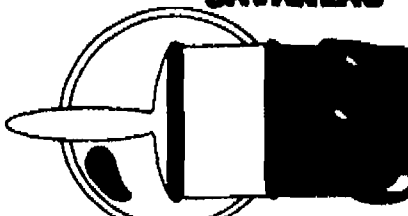
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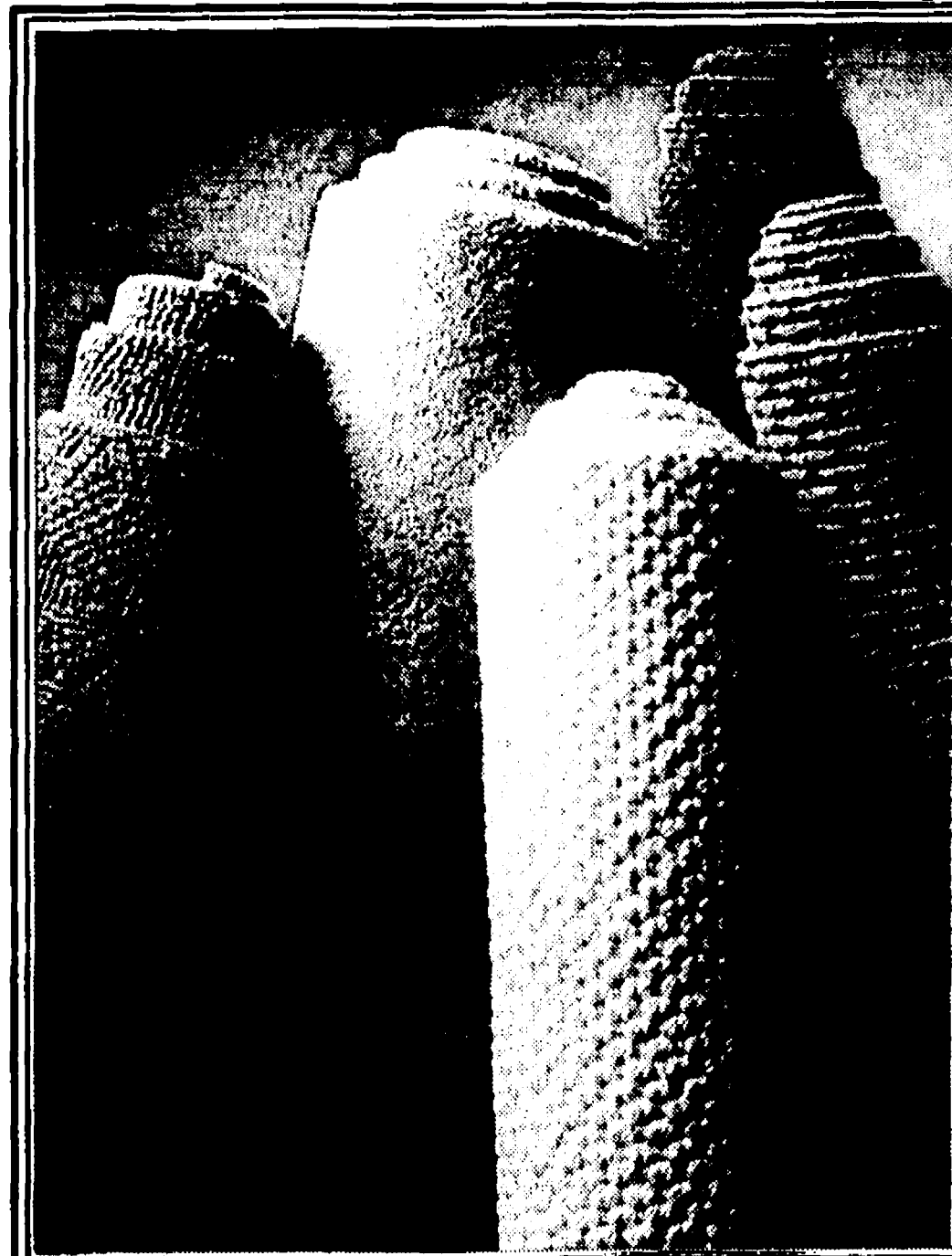


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Richard Milliman

Should smokey rooms return?

Republican convention in a couple of weeks select someone else for president.

MR. THOMAS has concluded Mr. Dole cannot win, and probably would drag plenty of other Republican candidates down the tube with him.

"Republicans must enter whatever is the contemporary equivalent of a smoke-filled room...and ask themselves whether it is worth losing everything that conservatives have worked for since Barry Goldwater ran so Dole can go down in flames, taking other Republicans with him," Mr. Thomas wrote.

Indeed, a new poll reported on the same day the Thomas column appeared showed President Clinton at somewhere between 45 and 53 percent of the vote, Mr. Dole at 29 and 33 percent. That's pretty intimidating for conservative GOP supporters such as Mr. Thomas.

"Dole is a great American but a terrible presidential candidate," Mr. Thomas concluded.

"Many would consider him an even greater American if he stepped aside."

The columnist wondered if "giving Dole the nomination because he's waited in line the longest (is) worth unleashing the Clintons for four more

years?"

WHO IF NOT Dole, would a Republican convention select? Mr. Thomas offers no advice, but he seems to like the mere idea of an open convention.

"An open convention could nominate a fresh face who would not have been beaten to death by sound bites and irrelevancies as Dole has. Who that might be is up to the delegates. An open convention would energize the news media so that the Republican nominee would seem electable."

And, Mr. Thomas adds: "Such a course would be better than disaster..."

Cal Thomas certainly has come up with a provocative scenario. Is it practical? Not for a moment. No way is Bob Dole going to step aside. Nor should he. He's played by the rules, and he has won a big prize, albeit an intermediary one.

And regardless of the polls, Mr. Dole probably believes he is going to win. Most candidates do.

BUT WHAT IF...? What if Bob Dole should Follow Cal Thomas' advice and resign the nomination? What then?

Would the Republicans turn to Gen. Colin Powell? Or Pat Buchanan? Or John Engler? Or how about Elizabeth Dole?

Or might they move outside politics, and opt for Michael Jordan, or Tom Hanks, or maybe Forest Gump?

And if any of the above happened, how would Democrats react?

In keeping with his craving to co-opt positions, Mr. Clinton might well also refuse his party's nomination.

Then the voters would really have a field day.

All this, of course, is idle day dreaming, although it does underline some of the serious shortcomings of the presidential primary system as it has developed:

It's too early. It's too long. It's too fractious. It's too expensive. It fails to measure the proper qualities demanded by national leadership. And on and on.

The only concrete thing Cal Thomas has accomplished with his "Dump Dole" essay is to produce a column.

Well, actually, two columns.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Writer appreciates support

To the editor,
I cannot thank the Crawford County Avalanche staff enough for the tremendous way you printed "our" story about appearing on *Good Morning America* in the July 3 issue. What a smile you brought to so many faces.

Unfortunately as many have surmised by now, our 10-second spot did not run nationally, only locally. We were told just days before that

ABC (New York) wanted the spot reshot. We've already been given a reshot date for later this month and will now have to wait for an air date which I will pass on to you. Oh well, that's show biz.

I just had to thank you for all your support in the "arts," in local residents and beyond. The *Avalanche* is a fine example for other papers to follow.

Deborah Chosczyk,
Grayling

Another focus for solving education problems

To the editor,
An article in *The Wall Street Journal* has prompted this reply concerning the recent comments about poor MEAP scores. The article titled "Why the Catholic School Model is Taboo" by Sol Stern appeared in the July 17 edition.

It began as follows: "New York City's Cardinal John J. O'Connor has repeatedly made the city an extraordinary offer: Send me the lowest performing 5% of children presently in the public schools, and I will put them in Catholic schools—where they will succeed. The city's response: silent." (1)

It continues: "No idle boast." In 1990 the RAND Corporation compared the performance of children from New York City's public and Catholic high schools. Only 25% of the public-school students graduated at all, and only 16% took the Scholastic Aptitude Test, vs 95% and 75% of Catholic-school students, respectively. Catholic-school students scored an average of 815 on

the SAT. By shameful contrast, the small "elite" of public-school students who graduated and took the SAT averaged only 642 for those in neighborhood schools and 715 for those in magnet schools." (1)

These results should prompt educators to lay aside bias and study the model that works, but not superficially. President Clinton has proposed that students be required to wear uniforms. The theory is similar to this. 18-year-old Marines are disciplined, so if we put Marine uniforms on our 18-year-olds, they will be disciplined, but everyone knows it takes more than a uniform to make a Marine. To learn why some systems of education work, we must look past the superficial into the very soul of the school. Perhaps it's time for an open-minded exploration of what really works in education.

Mark Jurkovich,
Grayling

(1) *The Wall Street Journal*, Wednesday, July 17, 1996, Sec. A14, Col 3.

Reynolds defended

To the editor,

In 1979, I ran for the school board and served until 1991. We had moved from one of the highest-rated districts in the state. Quite frankly, we were not happy with the caliber of this district so we got involved. In the early years, the district started a journey upward and Kent Reynolds came along to lead us charging far beyond the path to excellence.

Has everyone forgotten our "Exemplary" status? More than 80 percent of our students go on to higher levels of education and we have produced "doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs"...our students are represented in all fields of service and professions.

Why? Because of the leadership of dedicated, qualified administrators, teachers and staff, as well as hard-working school board members and the support of the business community.

Also, believe it or not, the majority of parents and families are positive contributors to the education of our children. Unfortunately, they are too busy and too modest to brag through letters to the editor, unlike the complainers who write all the time.

Some of the recent letters to the editor have been unbelievable. The comments regarding textbook purchases were certainly made without full and proper knowledge.

There is a very active curriculum committee and a policy regarding rotation of textbooks.

The process involves parents, teachers, administrators and board members reading and reviewing potential textbooks and offering their opinions and/or objections.

The department staff then makes a recommendation to the board for approval.

The writer apparently was misinformed. I wonder who feeds these people this rubbish?

There was also a letter (slam is a better word) about some of Mr. Reynolds' comments. They were attributed to him improperly in an article regarding MEAP scores.

The backlash was terrible and unfair. In the first place, if anybody knows anything about anything—Kent Reynolds does NOT run this district on his own, nor do the teachers, nor

does the board, nor do the parents—it is a joint effort!

In the second place, the interview involved information regarding studies that have proven that MEAP tests are biased against rural school districts. Rural districts have lower income levels...now is that determined?...by the percentage of free lunch programs...that's how!

The reporter's comments were damaging and misleading and should not have been made without all comments about the studies being included.

Incidentally, it was quite noticeable that the reporter did not point out the high scores in the other grade levels...is this unbiased reporting?

MEAP tests are politically motivated by large urban school districts with 'big bucks' behind them. The expected average scores are not a true reflection of all districts in the state. We're talking about differences of thousands of dollars in per-pupil expenditures and it does impact on levels of education.

Fact...We all know that rural communities with lower levels of income are not real generous about voting in extra tax dollars for education. Crawford AuSable School District has accomplished an exceptional feat in the quality of education considering the minimal amount of money per student. We should be giving 'three cheers.'

Kent Reynolds and the board are, unfortunately, the scapegoats for an unfair method of funding education—the blame belongs to the state and the people.

This district is fortunate to have Kent Reynolds. Qualified, intelligent and knowledgeable administrators are leaving education at an alarming rate to go into the private sector, because they cannot and will not subject themselves to the likes of what has happened here lately.

A message for the complainers and malcontents out there—"Instead of throwing stones—get on your horse and go out into the marketplace and see what's out there." You'll be back with an apology.

Pauline Petrosky,
Grayling

FROM OUR CORNER

By Whitey Madsen

Sadism—rollerblades—politics—etc.

I'm having a hard time jump starting this turkey for this week...

It's times like this, I think I'm brain-dead...there are a couple things I wish to address and can't seem to get started on them.

"So, I'm going to rely on the smarts of my trusted Silver-Reed typewriter, for those not knowledgeable, that is a machine that preceded the computers that are used in the world today.

So here goes—the other evening, I watched on TV the most gruesome, sadistic, nauseating event of men killing wild boar pigs that boggled my mind.

It seems there are owners of tracts of land, mostly in the southwest states, that import the wild boars and let them roam their property.

These owners then charge supposedly hunters, and during this episode I watched, included some well-known Hollywood actors, to hunt their prey.

This is what the guide gets paid for—he has a pack of dogs that round up one of the pigs, corner it, then he shoots to just wound it, so the brave hunter with a long spear will be able to drive it into the live pig while it is squealing in torture.

If that isn't enough, several brought their children along to witness this depraved event...the owners and the participants should be prosecuted to the fullest for cruelty to animals.

JUST THINKING—What does it take to educate today's youth that they have to obey the laws of the road, especially stop streets, while they are riding a bike, a skate board or the new fad of roller blades.

I bring this up because the other day,

I was leaving my home on Ionia and had I been going 10 miles an hour faster, I would have hit two kids on roller blades who went through the stop street on Chestnut St. with their heads down and paying no attention where they were. I had to put on my brakes to avoid hitting them. There are many cars, after stopping at Spruce St., that rev it up until they get to Maple St. Those two wouldn't have had a chance.

I have to wonder if parents lay down the law of the land when they give, or when their kids buy these roller blades? I doubt it...someone will have to be seriously injured before anything will be done.

What others are saying:
*DIFFERENT STROKES: David Letterman on Bob Dole's search for a "10" as vice-presidential nominee: "That is a very easy number for Bob Dole to remember because it also happens to be his Social Security number." But when Bill Clinton is looking for a "10," Mr. Letterman observes: "He is talking about a cocktail waitress at Hooters."

*PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT: Jay Leno on a recent "sports" development: "do you remember that woman at Wimbledon who ran naked across the center of the court Sunday right before the men's finals? Bill Clinton appointed her head of the President's Council on Physical Fitness."

HILLARY DECEIVES TAXPAYERS AGAIN! Not to be outdone, right after the elected president returned from his G-7 weekend in France, it was Hillary

Rodham's turn to tour Europe. Her first stop on a two-week trip was in Bucharest, Romania, then to Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. This has to be the most stupid thing one can imagine.

A few smiles from Joe Falls' Forum in *The Detroit News*:

*Don King, boxing promoter: "I never cease to amaze myself, and I say this humbly."

*Howard Cosell, a remembered comment from the past: "I'm impressed by the continuity of his physical presence."

*Ralph Kiner, Mets broadcaster: "Some guys are inwardly outgoing."

Rodney Dangerfield, still seeking respect, says he called a department store and got this message: "For mail orders, press 1. For our credit department, press 2. For our complaint department, press 3. For our lost and found department, press 4. For our lost and found department, press 5. For our lost and found department, press 6. For our lost and found department, press 7. For our lost and found department, press 8. For our lost and found department, press 9. For our lost and found department, press 0."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Low income doesn't mean a lack of intelligence

To the editor,
On reading the recent replies in the letter to the editor department, I felt like adding my two cents. You might as well say that welfare and single-parent homes are also to blame for low MEAP scores.

My son, who will be a freshman this year, has had nothing but grief with this school system since fourth grade.

If your child doesn't fit their "mold" that is a two-parent, two-income home, you are treated slightly better than "white trash" and when the school can't, or better yet, won't deal with

your child, they call and have you come and get your child and are to keep him or her home for two or three days or like in the middle school they turn you in to probate court.

Being a single parent is hard and when you work a job that's 50 hours a week or more in order to try to provide for yourself and family you're condemned for it.

So, it's like I first wrote, fit in their mold or your child will suffer for it.

Beth Moore,
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grayling is beautiful Support for Grayling Recreational Authority

To the editor,

As a visitor to the Grayling area two or three times a summer, I want to express my appreciation for the beauty of your community and of the surrounding area. One of my trips each summer for the last three years has been to the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. As my wife and I stroll through the woods and climb the hills of this great area, we always marvel at the scenery and wildlife. What a neat facility to have in your back yard.

I learned you are facing a millage request this summer for maintenance of the Hanson Hills Recreation Area. As one who has thought his way through many millage requests, I can appreciate what you go through to

reach your decision. I can also appreciate that your millage request for continuance of Hanson Hills does not effect my property taxes. However, through experience, I know sometimes we do not realize what a tremendous asset we have in a piece of property, such as Hanson Hills, until we no longer have the opportunity to enjoy it.

I consider Hanson Hills Recreation Area to be part of the total package that draws tourist dollars into Grayling. My hope is that you will view this area as a real gem, worthy of a "yes" vote in August.

Gary L. Archer,
Centreville

To the editor,

As the training site manager of Camp Grayling, I would like to express my support for the Grayling Recreation Authority millage on the Aug. 6 ballot. Camp Grayling and the Department of Military Affairs are committed to a solid partnership with the Grayling Recreation Authority and look forward to many more years of cooperation.

The current 15-year lease expires in 2008, and will be renegotiated within

the next two years. The Recreation Authority has made outstanding use of their facilities and has provided many hours of education and enjoyment for local citizens and visitors to this community.

Crawford County is fortunate to have a recreational facility of the calibre of Hanson Hills and I urge all citizens to vote for the millage on Aug. 6.

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Not all police are drunkards

To the editor,

Concerning Jim Fitzgerald's editorial piece in the Avalanche in which he so unintelligibly informed the reading public of all the drunken police officers. More accurately, he portrayed all police officers as drunks who blatantly disregard the law, mayhem and kill families, unselfishly disregard human suffering and are overall embarrassments to their communities and profession.

Mr. Fitzgerald, it appears you've hung in there one editorial too long. If you wish to comment on a specific incident where an officer of the law has floundered, then so be it. No group is without its faults. You, however, wished to lump all police officers into your self-proclaimed group of inebrates. You alone, for whatever personal reason, have slandered a profession that draws more selfless men and women to its calling. These men and women humbly serve the people of the very communities in which they live.

All the journalists of the world tonight will sleep safe knowing that I will not base my opinions of them on your incompetent prose. On the other

hand, I have been lumped into your category of "drunken cops" because it is all too easy to take a cheap shot at us. Vilification of a police officer is not harder than shooting fish in a barrel. Having your facts in order though, that's another thing.

At times, Mr. Fitzgerald, you could say your profession is no different from the bumping barstool bashers you described. For I do not expect one journalist to stand up and say you were out of line with your irresponsible generalizations. I instead expect you and your colleagues to hide behind the First Amendment and call it responsible journalism. It has always humored me to see how some journalists invoke their First Amendment right in an attempt to break down the other 26. I just thought I would take a moment to exercise my First Amendment right to free speech in hopes that you would invoke your Fifth Amendment right to remain silent.

Todd Golnick
Cadillac City Police Officer
Former Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The following editorial/article was written as part of a Grayling Middle School final examination in the journalism program.

Since the examinations were not finished in time to be published in the schools' Viking Press newspaper, the Avalanche will print one per week throughout the summer months.

Gum: a sticky situation

By Meghan Meyer (7)

The "no gum" rule is a Grayling Middle School rule that many kids don't agree with. But many, such as teachers and staff members, think this rule is very appropriate.

I think this rule is unnecessary. For one, kids shouldn't be given a detention for chewing gum. Maybe the second

or third time, but not right on the spot. Another thing I don't agree with is not being able to have gum. We should be able to have it. Other schools, including the high school, get gum. Why can't we?

I suggest maybe a certain hour or day kids might be able to chew gum. Another solution would be that kids would be able to chew gum, BUT, if caught throwing it on the floor or sticking it under a desk, would get detentions. Another suggestion would be only allowing one piece per day. This would make sure no one threw it on the floor.

I recommend allowing kids to chew gum but giving them a detention if they threw it anywhere except the trash. This would help so kids could chew on something until lunch.

Test tracks are better

To the editor,

The roads on automobile test tracks are smoother than the "patch-job" on North Down River Road.

Elaine Boyd,
Grayling

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Grayling

Wednesday - 11 am
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Wednesday - 6:30 pm
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Friday - 6:30 pm
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Aerie #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron
Grayling

Saturday - 6:30 pm
Frederic
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I pay less for lunch and get good grades

To the editor,

My name is Daniel Tingstad. I'm going into fifth grade this year.

I've gone to Grayling Elementary School since kindergarten and was sent to Frederic Elementary School for fourth grade.

My teacher was Mr. Branch. When I was in Frederic, I got straight A's, I

got the President's Education Award, and got a Certificate of Achievement on the 1995-96 Michigan Educational Assessment Program for math and reading.

By the way, I received reduced-price lunches.

Daniel Tingstad,
Roscommon

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FRI. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COA "OTL GANG" travels to Harrison, 8:45 am. • AUSABLE RIVER FESTIVAL CONTINUES - Fine art & craft show open in City Park @ 10 am. • AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY sponsoring a craft show, 10 am - 5 pm. • ICE HOUSE "QUILT SITTERS" quilt show thru Sat. 27th, 10 am - 5 pm.
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SUN. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
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From the Calvary Baptist Church

Issue 10: FOREIGN AFFAIRS

"Problem: The U.S. appears to be letting sovereignty over its interests slip into the hands of other nations. Evidence for the trend is NAFTA (North America Free Trade Agreement), placing the U.S. military under NATO command in Bosnia, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and the UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination of All Form Against Women.

"Principle: No foreign country or international agency such as NATO or the UN should ever be given jurisdiction over United States domestic policies or military personnel.

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(*Matthew 5:13-16*). Therefore we affirm the following:

"1. The personnel of the U.S. military should not be engaged on behalf of any nation unless U.S. interests are directly affected.

"2. Nations supported by U.S. military forces or foreign aid must be committed to rule by law, religious liberty, and human rights.

"3. The federal government must not commit the United States to any treaty which hands over American sovereignty to a foreign power.

"4. As government returns Biblical principles to its policy making, America's heritage of religious, political, and economic liberty will spread to the nations of the world."

"A Presidential candidate must qualify to serve as Commander in Chief over all U.S. military. We expect a Presidential candidate never to require U.S. service personnel to serve under the

authority of any non-American leadership. We expect a Presidential candidate to categorically reject all international jurisdiction over the domestic or trade policies of the United States.

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Pastor "B"

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THE GARDEN CORNER

A service of the Crawford County MSU Extension Office

Sunflowers are everywhere—even in the garden

Sunflowers seem to be everywhere these days—on clothing and accessories, on stationery, in snack foods and cereals (the seeds, of course), in bird feeders—even in the garden.

Gardeners used to be limited to the giant sunflowers with the black and white striped seeds and the smaller oil-type sunflowers (black seeds). Now, however, plant breeders are turning out new varieties in a wide range of colors—from creamy white to bronze, mahogany and even purple—and sizes. The traditional towering giants are still around, if you want to see who in the neighborhood can raise the tallest sunflower. But sunflowers as short as one foot tall are also available.

Lowell Ewart, professor of horticulture at Michigan State University, noted that there are even pollenless sunflowers (they are used as cut flowers) and sunflowers with many branches and, therefore, many flowers.

Sunflowers are easy to plant and grow. All they need is well-drained, loose soil, occasional watering and plenty of sun. They can be started indoors or sown directly into the garden. In either case, wait until warm weather has arrived to stay.



What sunflowers don't need is a lot of fertilizer before the flower head appears, he noted. Too much nitrogen will give you tall plants with lots of foliage instead of flowers.

The shorter and multibranched varieties make good cut flowers. But most gardeners grow sunflowers for their visual impact in the garden and their tasty seeds. Sometimes the trick

is beating the birds and the squirrels to them. Covering the seedheads with cheesecloth bags to protect the seeds while they mature, or cutting the heads off the plants when the backs of the heads are dry and no traces of green remain may thwart would-be seed thieves.

To remove the seedheads, cut each one with one to two feet of stem attached and then hang them upside-down in a warm, well-ventilated garage or attic to mature and dry. Tie a paper or cheesecloth bag around each head to catch seeds that drop out. When the backs of the heads are entirely brown and papery, brush the seeds out with your hands or a stiff brush. If you're planning to feed the seeds to birds or squirrels, you can skip this step—simply put the whole head out and let the critters do the work.

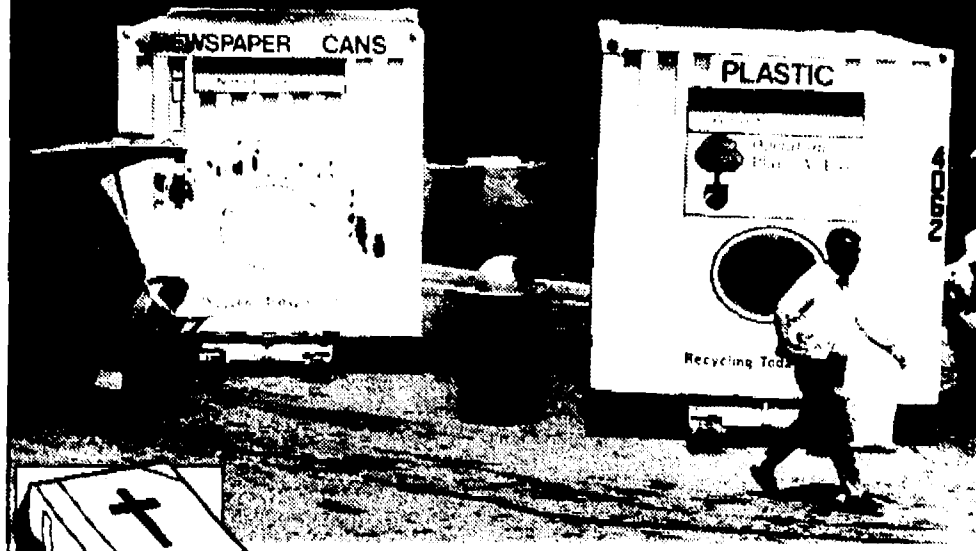
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God himself reassures us in Malachi 3:6 when He proclaims, "For I, the Lord do not change..."; and in 1 Peter 1:24-25, "The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever."

God has given another commandment that is constant...Exodus 20:8, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Enter God's sanctuary each Sabbath. Treasure God's love in your heart. It is indispensable. Don't throw it away.

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Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered in this column, send it to Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: My husband usually cooks on the grill every day in the summer. Is there a problem with this?

Answer: There was a time when we used to throw everything on the grill, from steaks to hot dogs, without a care. Now that consumers are more health conscious, they are questioning the safety of former practices. The concern of grilling arises from the recently-discovered link between

grilled fatty meats and cancer.

When meats are cooked, the fat drips down onto the heat source (coals, gas burner, wood chips, etc.) and forms cancer-causing chemicals. Then the chemicals are carried back up in the rising smoke and deposited on the meat, especially when it is cooked to a very well done stage or charred.

For the best grilling, you must adopt practices that minimize both the dripping of fat and excessive smoking. Here are a few suggestions:

- Don't grill every day.
- Trim fat off of meat.
- Place foil punctured with a few holes on the grill first.
- Precook meat by microwaving or broiling before placing on grill.
- Place a metal pan between meat and coals to catch the drippings.
- Put the meat to the side instead of directly over coals.
- Do not lower grill lid.
- Cut off charred portions of meat before serving.
- Prepare more meatless dishes such as vegetable kabobs.

If you would like to know more about food safety, the health department is an excellent source of information. The environmental health staff will be happy to answer questions or supply you with literature on various food-safety topics.



PINE WHISPERS

Hartwick Pines State Park
By Roxanne Dostator

The Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park will present Larry Visser, who is with the Department of Natural Resources, for a program entitled the *Michigan Black Bear*, on July 27, at 1 p.m.

Carol Fisher is back for her rug-hooking demonstration. Fisher will be here on July 27-28, to demonstrate the craft she has been practicing for the past 20 years. Fisher has previously taught the art of rug hooking at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and she currently instructs rug hooking at the senior center in Kalkaska.

The visitor center also offers an exhibit hall permanently on display concentrating on the science of forestry. Also, there is a multi-media presentation on forest management and the history of Hartwick Pines State Park shown every half hour.

The Virgin Pines Foot Trail starts off the back porch of the visitor center and takes the visitor past the old growth forest and the logging museum. Guided walks of the pines and logging museum area leave periodically from the visitor center.

The deadline for the annual photo contest at Hartwick Pines is Aug. 17. Submit any size photograph of any

subject found inside Hartwick Pines State Park. Photos will be displayed in the lobby of the visitor center and the public will vote for their favorite photograph on Aug. 24 and 25. First prize in the contest is three nights of free camping in the campground. The second-prize winner receives two nights of free camping in the campground, and the third prize is a \$25 gift certificate to the park bookstore, donated by the Friends of Hartwick Pines.

All entries should include the photographer's name, age, address, and telephone number. Photos cannot be returned and the winner will be notified by mail. Entries can be mailed to or brought in to the visitor center. Mail entries to Hartwick Pines State Park; Michigan Forest Visitor Center, 2833 Monarch Dr., Grayling, MI 49738; Attention: Photo Contest.

Motor-vehicle permit required for park entry.

Health Dept. sets clinics

District Health Department No. 1 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

- Call for an appointment:
- Immunization Clinic: Aug. 7, 8, 12, 15 and 21.
- Family Planning: Aug. 5, 13 and 27.
- Medicaid Screening: None this month.
- Premarital Class: Aug. 12 and 21.
- Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call for information.
- WIC, Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: Aug. 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, and 26.
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Barbara the Bobcat will be at the library Thursday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m., with Kimberly of Hollow Tree Productions. Renewal pictures for Kid care I.D. kits will also be offered.

Spot the Answer at Your Library summer reading program will run through Aug. 10, at your Crawford County Libraries.

Children ages preschool through fifth grade are encouraged to read library books and earn the incentives from McDonald's restaurants of Grayling and Waters, for the *Spot the Answer at Your Library* summer reading program.

Incentives for *Spot the Answer at Your Library* are: three books, small fry; six books, shake; nine books, pie; 12 books, small nuggets; 15 books, cookies; 18 books, hamburger; 21 books, sundae; 24 books, Happy Meal, all from McDonald's restaurants of Grayling and Waters.

Hot Eats—Cool Treats is for sixth graders and up. For every other library

book read, they will earn a Dilly Bar from Dairy Queen, and for the next book, a Personal Pan Pizza from Pizza Hut. Students are encouraged to read up to 24 books.

The Crawford County Library is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; and Saturday, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Most money is tainted...taint yours and taint mine!

Over 75 people attended the open house potluck on Sunday, July 21, in honor of the new COA board and our new director. There was a beautiful array of food and marvelous entertainment. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this day very special and if I tried to list all of their names I might miss someone, so thanks to one and all.

Judge John Hunter was here last week speaking on wills, living wills and durable power of attorney. He answered numerous questions and presented the information superbly.

Busy times at the senior center: Both July and August will prove exhausting if you try to hit everything, but hang in and come as often as you can. Wednesday, July 24, at 5:30 p.m.—trivia game; ice cream social on Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m., along with the dance with Tina Kennedy; blood pressures and sugars taken that same day from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; on Friday, July 26, the Out To Lunch gang heads for Harrison at 8:45 p.m.; we will be raffling off a microwave oven at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday after the Milltown parade; tickets will be on sale all day on the Citizen's Bank lawn. Good luck to all the paddlers in the Marathon race on Saturday! On Monday, July 29, we are playing Power Dominoes at 5:30 p.m. and at the same time on Tuesday, July 30, Cindy Olson will be here to speak on the Hanson Hills millage request in the upcoming election.

Cards parties on Tuesdays, from 1 and 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinocle, etc. Make up your own table

or come join the others.

If you haven't discovered the senior center yet, it is time you found out for yourselves how much fun the seniors have with the various activities offered. Stop by or give us a call if you have any questions, or just for fun. (308 Lawndale, 348-7123.) Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you...you should becoming to us.

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Lunch/Dinner

July 24—Pot Roast/Spaghetti & Meatsauce;
July 25—BBQ Beef/Hamloaf;
July 26—Sweet & Sour Pork Over Rice/No Dinner;

July 29—Roast Beef/Italian Round Steak;
July 30—Chicken ala King/Connecticut Ham Dinner;
July 31—Stuffed Peppers/Tuna & Noodles;
Aug. 1—Veal Parmesan/Salmon Patties;
Aug. 2—Roast beef/No Dinner.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on July 24 and cease on July 31.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on July 24 and cease on July 31.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. Firing will begin on July 24 and cease on July 31.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Road, west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Road, and east of the gas pipeline. Firing will begin on July 24 and cease on July 31.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F-97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on July 24 and cease on July 31.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Outhin Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. P97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on July 24 through July 28, and July 30 through 31.

NOTE: Extensive military maneuvers will be conducted on the Range 40 Complex during the period of July 24-31. At various times during this period, portions of Mariette Road, Lonscome Lake Road and K.P. Road will be closed.

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By: J. Briney, Managing Director - For: The Board of Road Commissioners: Bob Nelson, Chairman, Ken Chapp, Vice Chairman, Ray Swiercz, Member.

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46th Trial Circuit Court features increased efficiency

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budgets by the amounts the court is providing them for this project."

What is the current system?

As a multi-county 'circuit,' Crawford County formerly belonged to the 83rd District Court and to the 46th Circuit Court. With the advent of the 46th Circuit Trial Court, and new streamlined entity has been created. It is anticipated that the reorganization plan will produce or allow both time and dollar savings.

The criminal justice system is not a system at all, but an enormous collection of agencies which often compete for limited resources. This huge network, its people and information scattered across state, county and municipal lines and down through their respective courts, is decentralized and frequently does not operate in a functional way.

The four major components of what is termed the 'criminal justice system' are:

- The legislature which creates the laws;
- The police which attempts to enforce the laws;
- The courts which punish those who break the laws;
- The prisons which house those being punished.

Once the defendant is arrested and informed of his/her rights, they are then arraigned and charges are filed with the court. Bail proceedings usually follow and though most felony (the more serious cases with punishments expected to exceed one year) never see the trial stage, the defendant, the attorneys, prosecutors and judges must still follow what is commonly referred to as 'due process.'

The practice of plea bargaining has been attacked in the past and is seen as the court being 'soft' on the criminal. Plea bargaining, however, does relieve the court of an enormous burden, as the court could never take each defendant through the trial process.

But under the new system, the district judge and the prosecuting attorney can take pleas on felony charges, a time savings anticipated to be from 30 to 60 days. With a guilty plea entered, the defendant may be sentenced then and there.

Davis said that "with access to a common pool of information available, the most dramatic change will be found in the area of domestic relations. Every day, county and local matters such as protection orders and juvenile cases will fall under the county court. Former Probate Judge John Hunter will serve in this capacity."

Traditionally, the probate court (a civil court...not a criminal court) handled guardianships, wills, and property disposition while administering estates. When involved with juveniles, the probate judge often served as the child's advocate and was charged with naming an alternate guardian for that minor child.

This minor child more often than not was entangled in a custody dispute or contested divorce, these matters



MOVING AHEAD--(L to R) The Hon. John Hunter, James H. Brickley, Francis Walsh, and Alton T. Davis at the inauguration of the 46th district trial court.

being handled by the circuit court. Under the reorganization, the county judge will now be responsible for adoption, guardianships, personal protection orders, temporary restraining orders, and contest divorces.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the reorganization is that the Michigan Supreme Court has authorized each judge within the county to hear all cases. The new trial court will have three divisions and each judge within the county will hear all cases. The new trial court will have three divisions. The divisions will handle the following matters.

New structure 46th District Trial Court
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Circuit division: Felony arraignments, trials, pleas and sentencing, probation violations, personal protection orders, civil trials, injunctive relief, mediation, non-contested divorce, friend of the court, and appeals.

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County court division: Juvenile, adoption, guardianships, commitments, small claims, personal protection orders, temporary restraining orders, contested divorce and friend of the court oversight by chief judge, sentencing if a plea is taken, and ad hoc assignments.

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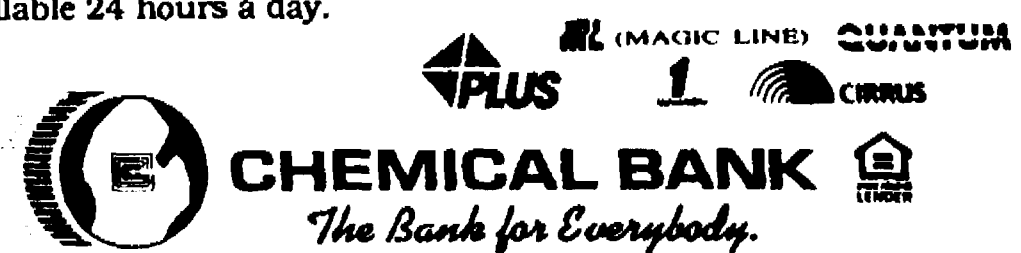
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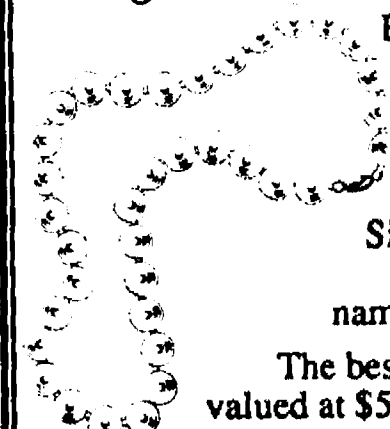
The Alpine Regional Educational Center (AREC) in Gaylord, has invited Kaplan Educational Center to teach ACT and SAT classes in preparation for the October exams. Kaplan will be holding a free information seminar for parents on Saturday, Aug. 10, and a free practice ACT test for students, both events to be held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the AREC facility.

Students spend approximately 4,000 hours, between high school classes and homework, developing a grade-point average (G.P.A.). Rightly so, a student's G.P.A. is the number-

one consideration on a college application. College entrance exams are ranked second in importance to college admissions after the G.P.A. Most students spend little, if any, time preparing for the ACT and SAT. An unexceptional test score can detract from a hard-earned high school record. This three-hour test is so important in the college admissions process it is unwise to take it lightly and take a college admissions exam unprepared. Standardized tests also affect a student's chances of getting scholarships and can determine how much financial assistance a student may receive.

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Now into its second year of programming, Northern Michigan Catholic will also expand to a full half hour, with a new starting time of 7 a.m., every Sunday.

The program will continue in its regular time period of 9:30 a.m. on WMLQ 96.7 FM, Rogers City, just before the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Dominic in Metz.

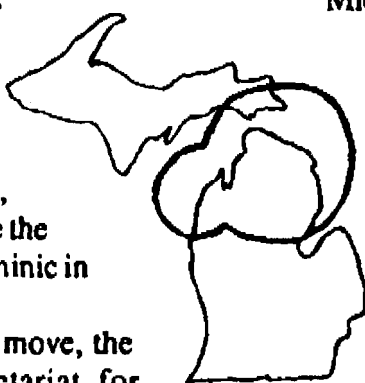
Commenting on the move, the director of the Secretariat for Communications and producer of Northern Michigan Catholic Sam Barbaro said, "Because of the geographic size of the diocese, slightly more than 11,000 square miles, our goal has always been to reach as many of the 21 counties as possible. With this change to WAIR-FM 92.5 & 94.3, the program will reach virtually every community where there is a Catholic parish."

Another benefit of making the

switch to WAIR-FM is the additional six minutes of air time that will allow some added features to the program. New ideas currently under development are regular segments produced entirely by youth group members from various parishes and a weekly feature devoted to questions from listeners.

"The essential format of Northern Michigan Catholic will not change, the program will continue to provide our listeners with messages from Bishop Cooney, as well as world, national and local news, special interviews, inspirational music and scripture reflections based on the Sunday readings," Barbaro added.

Listeners are always welcome to send in their questions, comments, suggestions and news items for the parish news segment. Write to Northern Michigan Catholic, c/o the Secretariat for Communications, 1665 Highway M-32 West, Gaylord, MI 49735, or call the Pastoral Center in Gaylord at (517) 732-5147.



Music and laughter highlight at Interlochen

Music, theatre and comedy combine to offer another week of top entertainment at Interlochen Arts Camp and Arts Festival.

Weinerville, Live! comes to Kresge Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 30. Comedian Marc Wiener and his unique half-man/half-puppets have become crowd-pleasers to millions of children and adults on television's Nickelodeon channel. Some of Wiener's more memorable puppets include Dottie, the nighmare and Socko, the tough guy.

Christopher Parkening, celebrated classical guitarist, and singer Jubilant

Sykes, with his electrifying baritone, make for a memorable evening at 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 31, in Kresge. Parkening has performed at the White House by presidential request and has collaborated with such diverse stars as Placido Domingo, Kathleen Battle and Julie Andrews. Sykes has won acclaim as a featured artist with the Boston Pops.

A faculty concert will be given at 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1, in the Michael P. Dendrinis Chapel/Recital Hall. There will be several high school productions in August. First, the opera *Princess Ida* will be performed Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2-3, in Kresge. The World Youth Symphony Orchestra (WYSO) will perform Sunday at 8 p.m., Aug. 4, in Kresge. WYSO's performance will be accompanied by master pianist Andre Watts, who performs Rachmaninoff's *Concerto No. 2*.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mark and Barbara (Fitzgerald) Doyal of East Lansing, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Claire "Katie" Doyal, born June 13, 1996, at 10:08 p.m. at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. At birth she weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Carol and Alex Marenko and maternal great-grandparents are Hal and Gretchen Southard, both of Grayling. Paternal grandparents are Dr. Guy and Marilyn Doyal of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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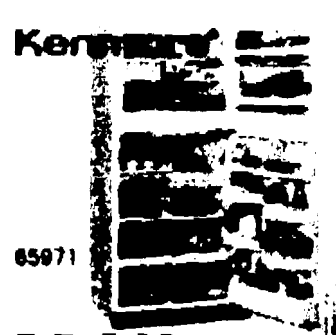
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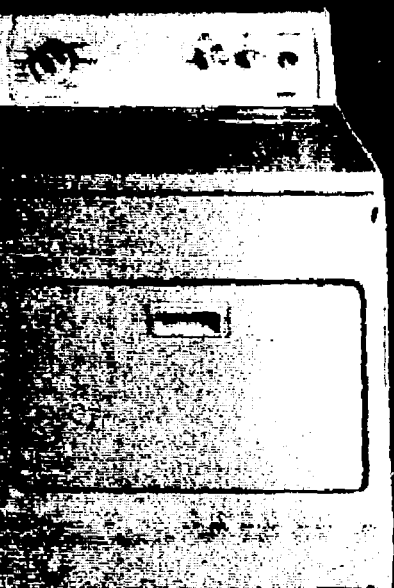
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County's historical museum gives view of a different time in northern Michigan

Crawford County Historical Complex



HISTORICAL MUSEUM--The old railroad depot now serves as the focal point of the Crawford County Historical Complex.

Woodcutters, railroad workers, farmers, homemakers and other pioneers are featured in one of the best county museums in the state of Michigan. The Crawford County Historical Museum, located at 97 Michigan Avenue in downtown Grayling, has the former Grayling railroad depot as its main building. The community joined together to renovate the depot to save it from the wrecking ball.

The museum also has a railroad caboose, a military exhibit, a farm antique building, a trapper's cabin, and a firefighters' building on its grounds.

The main museum has two floors of exhibits that feature photographs, artifacts, and stories of yesteryear in Crawford County and northern Michigan. Among the popular displays is a memorial devoted to one of the greatest archers of all time, Fred Bear. Every room upstairs is decorated in a different theme by a different local organization.

Another feature of the museum is a video cassette player and television featuring tapes of current and former residents telling family histories and stories of the area.

Crawford County's timber era and long history with the AuSable and Manistee rivers attracted visitors to the museum last year from eight foreign countries and 30 different states.

The cost of admission to the museum is \$1.50 per person. Children under 12 years old are admitted free only when accompanied by an adult. The historical complex is usually open 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Artist paints new mural for the American Legion

By Michael D. Lee
Staff Writer

Commuters headed north on the I-75 Business Loop are noticing a pleasant addition to the American Legion.

Dean Worden, 40, began painting "United We Stand," a tribute to the veterans of the 20th Century wars on the south wall of the American Legion on Monday, July 15. Worden plans to finish the work by Aug. 7.

In the mural, Worden is painting famous scenes from each of the wars during the past 100 years, as well as a famous Revolutionary War portrait.

Worden works part time as a bartender at the American Legion and at Patti's Towne House. He has also taught drawing classes for the adult education program at Grayling High School.

Worden says he loves painting. In fact, "there is nothing I would rather do than paint," he said.

An accomplished artist, Worden left friends and a fairly-established painting reputation in San Diego, California to care for his mother, Jackie, and father, Gerald, of Grayling who had recently been taken ill.

Worden said he has painted all his life. In elementary school, he painted his first mural, of dinosaurs, on a large section of brown paper.

He also recalls enrolling in cartoon art shows while he was in elementary school.

His father was in the Air Force, so his family moved a lot. The Wordens first landed in Flint during Dean's junior high school years.

The Wordens moved to Cadillac before Dean's junior year in high school. There he attempted to sign up for a painting class, but was turned away because the class was filled.

After graduation, Worden headed to Ferris State University to play football, but after one semester of poor grades and confusion as to why he was in college, he enlisted in the Navy.

Several years and an attitude change later, Worden said he was "more than ready for college."

He was accepted at San Diego State University and endured three degree changes before settling into a fine arts program. Worden flourished in the program, known as one of the finest and fastest painters in the program.

During his last three years of school, Worden found it increasingly easier to pay for his schooling by working as a freelance painter.

One of his projects included a three-

dimensional, 36 foot by 20 foot mural of a country scene. He painted a fence and a pond into the painting. Worden realized that this was truly his calling.

Worden continued painting and selling his works, but found it necessary to move to Grayling to care for his ailing parents.

His mother died in October 1994, and his father died on Sunday, July 21.

For this reason, Worden wanted to finish the American Legion mural within the next couple of weeks. "I wanted to get a picture of it when it's done," Worden said, "so I could show it to my dad."

Although Worden misses his friends in San Diego, he says he likes the Grayling area. "I like being in nature," he said, "In fact, one of my goals is to compete in a show by *Michigan Outdoor* magazine."

Worden has recently received some possible contracts for the future. These include redoing a mural at the Hospitality House and painting a new one inside Patti's Towne House.

Worden will also have a booth of his works set up for display between the American Legion and the Crawford County Library on July 26 and 27.

Worden says he feels very fortunate to have found his niche in life. "Some people go through a whole life time and never find it," he said, "I think that's sad."



"I LOVE MY JOB"--Dean Worden says there is nothing he would rather do than paint.



DEAN WORDEN

Grayling High School graduate joins Ionia State Police Post

The Ionia Post of the Michigan State Police has received two new state troopers as of July 14. Trooper Julie M. Hickman and Trooper Kevin C. Beasley, both are recent graduates of the 114th Michigan State Police Recruit Class and have begun their patrol duties. Troopers Hickman and Beasley are two of 72 new state troopers who graduated during a special ceremony on July 12, in Lansing.

Trooper Hickman lives in Middleville, is a graduate of Grayling High School, and Kirtland Community College in Roscommon. Trooper Hickman has an associate degree in business administration. She is married to Steve Hickman, who is also a Michigan State trooper. Her parents, Nancy and Thomas Brooks reside in Grayling.

As a graduate of the 114th Recruit School Class, Trooper Hickman received 18 weeks of intense training in criminal law, criminal



TROOPER
JULIE M. HICKMAN

investigation, crime scene processing, patrol tactics, physical fitness, first aid, firearms instruction, defensive tactics and precision driving techniques.

National Weather Service in Gaylord offers new services for north central Michigan

The National Weather Service in Gaylord announces the addition of a lifesaving service to the residents of north central Michigan.

A new NOAA Weather radio transmitter has been added at the Gaylord office. NOAA Weather radio broadcasts now extended from the Houghton Lake area, north along the I-75 corridor through Gaylord to near Indian River (see map).

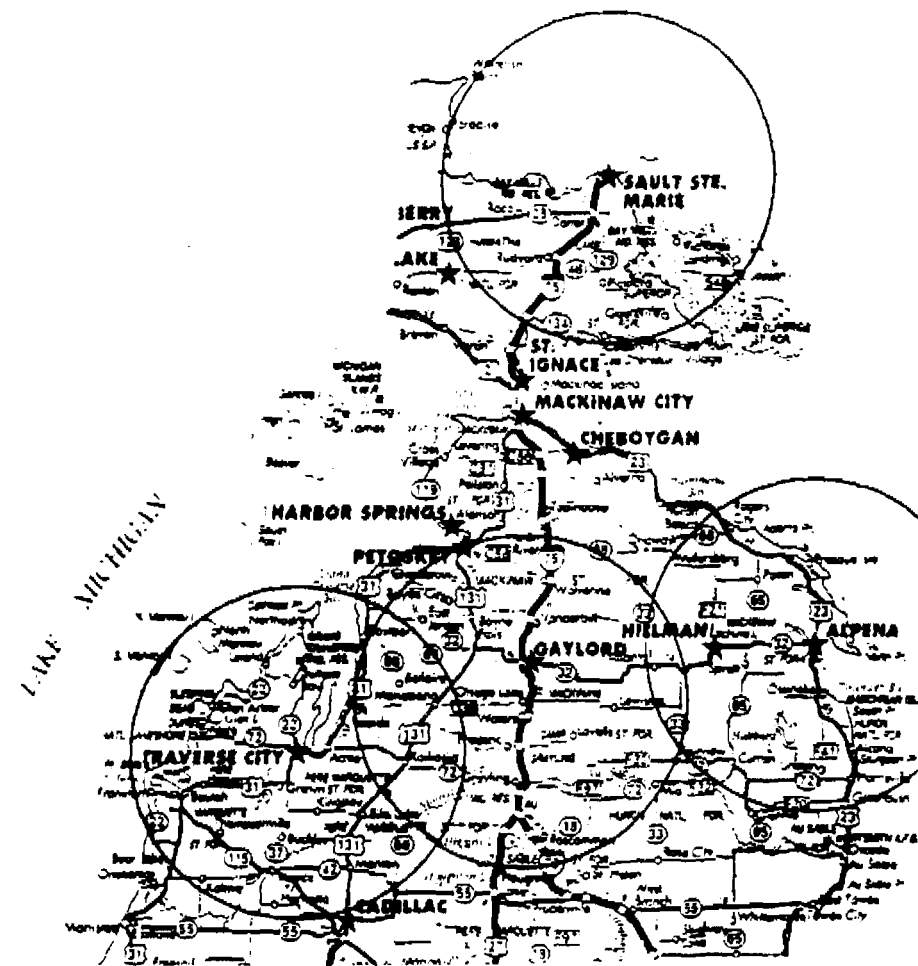
This service is an addition to the transmitters already located at Alpena, Traverse City and Sault Ste. Marie. Weather radio signals reach out 40-60 miles from the transmitter site and reception varies.

The new transmitter will cover an area that was in a "dead" area, located between the other three transmitters. This service will give the residents an easy way to access the weather data broadcast 24 hours a day from the National Weather Service.

This will include severe weather watches and warnings for the affected area, local weather statements, and information. Persons using a weather radio receiver will get the "tone alert" feature to warn of severe weather as

the warnings are issued from the Gaylord office.

receiver from a private vendor. The radio must be a "seven-band" model.



To access the service, people must purchase a NOAA Weather radio. The new transmitter is broadcasting on a frequency of 165.500 MHz from

the Gaylord office.

One major distributor of weather radios is Radio Shack, although other vendors are out there. You can also pick up the new service on a marine-band or police-band scanner, but the "tone alert" feature will not work on these units for severe weather.

Along with the new weather radio service, a new phone line has been installed. Recorded forecasts from the Gaylord office will now be accessible by calling (517) 732-6242. This recorded service now covers the Alpena, Sault Ste. Marie and Houghton Lake areas and is for "touch tone" phone users only.

Another service will be added in the fall when the phone system will be changed to add service for "rotary" phone users. At that time, a "toll-free" number will be added to access the local forecast and to speak to a forecaster.

The National Weather Service in Gaylord is dedicated to bringing the most up-to-date weather information to northern Michigan. With the new Doppler radar, computer systems, and highly-trained personnel, the services now offered will continue to improve.

Commission on Aging hosts luncheon to welcome new personnel

By Althea Mathews
Special Writer

Food, folks and fun were abundant at the senior citizen center in Grayling,

on Sunday, July 21.

The senior citizen activity committee sponsored a social hour and luncheon in honor of the new

director and board members of the Commission on Aging (COA).

Director Ken White was formally introduced to the festive seniors.

Before moving to the Grayling area, White was director of operations of Alamo Rent A Car at Chicago, from 1987-1995.

He now resides in Lovells with his wife, Chris, whose family has lived in the town for three generations. The couple's son, Dane, will begin fifth grade in the fall.

As new director White says, he hopes to "get more seniors involved in activities" and "be of service to the entire county."

"The board and I work very closely together," said White. "We are working as a team to develop new programs and make the COA the best it can be."

New board members include Bruce Bretzke, who is also chairperson of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Doris Bincher, Jann Besonen, Fred Shipley and Randy Black.

Judy Baker continues to serve as chairperson. Jack MaHank is vice-chairperson.

Entertainment for the event was provided by Stacey Brown, Crawford County Little Miss, Shayla Moore, Miss Pre-Teen and Brandi McClain, Miss Teen. The girls' energetic dance

routines were true crowd-pleasers, and received resounding applause.

Future events for the seniors include a float display in the AuSable River Festival Parade Saturday, July 27.



WELCOME--COA seniors celebrate with the new personnel.

Americorps Vista Volunteer program offers jobs

By Althea Mathews
Special Writer

Kirtland Community College's (KCC) dedication to community service continues as the school seeks candidates for three Americorps Vista volunteer positions.

The positions are full-time, one-year appointments.

The Council of Michigan Foundations, in cooperation with the Michigan Nonprofit Forum, chose KCC as a participant in the program. The Council oversees foundations, or nonprofit organizations that distribute monies to public agencies.

The forum is responsible for administering volunteer centers in the state and providing technical support and educational services.

The Americorps program will fulfill

a need that was previously neglected in the area.

"There is over 500 million dollars in assets in community foundations in Michigan," said Linda Barnes, supervisor of the project. "But there are no foundations that cover our area."

The KCC district was one of six disadvantaged community sites in Michigan chosen. KCC, the main volunteer center for the four-county area, was chosen to administer the program locally because of its ability to screen and supervise volunteers.

Volunteers chosen will work to establish community foundations; assist Kirtland's Volunteer Action center in matching volunteers with area agencies, such as churches and hospitals; and work with the continuing education department to assess what

continuing education the college should provide for local communities.

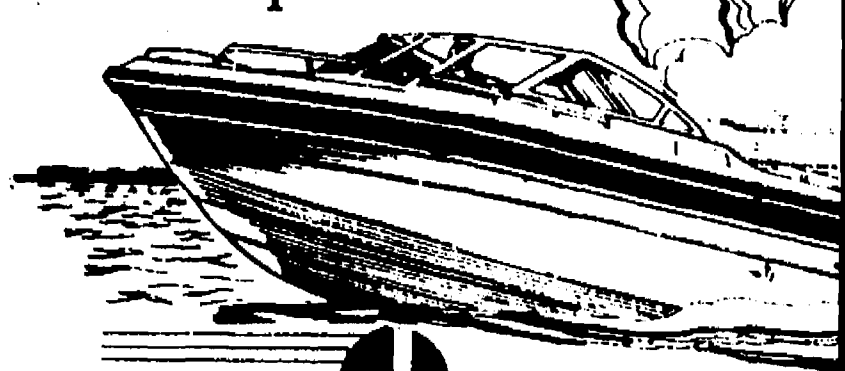
Each volunteer will receive a living allowance of \$696 per month, as well as health benefits such as medical insurance. If one year of service is completed, the volunteer will receive a scholarship of \$4,725.

Additional benefits include student loan deferment during the appointment as well as noncompetitive eligibility for federal employment.

Senior citizen volunteers may opt to choose a \$1,200 stipend after one year of service, instead of the scholarship. "It is an excellent opportunity for someone who is mature, disciplined and self-starter," said Barnes.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age. The deadline for application is Friday, July 26.

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Historic Camp Grayling welcomes visitors to the encampment

Camp Grayling is one of the largest and most useful National Guard training facilities in the U.S., due to its many ranges and ample maneuver areas. It was founded in 1913 on an initial grant of land from Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson to the State of Michigan for military training, and now spans some 147,000 acres in Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego counties. Much of that acreage is accessible to the public for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and other recreational uses, when military training is not taking place.

Each year, Camp Grayling typically schedules training for over 60,000 military personnel from National Guard units in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio, as well as Regular Army and Reserve units. The installation provides over 200 full-

time jobs to local residents, making Camp Grayling the third-largest employer in Crawford County. Camp activities generate over \$20 million annually in local economic impact. The federal dollars that pay employee salaries are often used to pay local taxes and to support schools, hospitals, churches, and local businesses, a partnership that has proven itself over generations.

Although Camp Grayling has no full-time military units assigned, there are nearly 600 soldiers in traditional Army National Guard units assigned to the Camp. Maintaining this level of membership requires individual dedication and commitment in sparsely populated northern lower Michigan. Their mission is to support Camp Grayling as a training facility, and to be prepared to operate the camp as a

mobilization station in the event of a national emergency. Michigan Guard units also, in their domestic mission, often volunteer their skills, labor, and equipment in community relations projects for local units of government or authorized community agencies.

Camp Grayling, as a part of the Department of Defense's total training system, supports America's hometown Army and Air Force — the National Guard — and is fortunate to have a very citizen-friendly community in which to operate.

Camp Grayling is located three miles southwest of the City of Grayling. Following M-72 West toward Kalkaska, and turning south on M-93, will lead travelers to the main entrance of the Camp. Visitors are always welcome.

Among the points of interest just inside the entrance, are a mixture of modern and historic buildings, some dating back to 1917 and 1921. Buildings used for camp administration, barracks, mess halls and bath houses dot the landscape. Within the cantonment area is a unique chapel, constructed totally of Michigan materials, and financed totally from

donated funds. Near the chapel is the historic Officers' Club, a gift from the original donor of the land. This structure dates back to 1917, and has been the site of weddings, receptions, and numerous military and community celebrations.

A central attraction of Camp Grayling is beautiful Lake Margrethe, named after the wife of Rasmus Hanson. A favorite fishing and recreation lake for soldiers in their off-duty hours, the lake sees much enjoyment by area residents, and by campers in the state forest campground located at the lake's northwest corner.

Overall, Camp Grayling is a gem secluded within the center of the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Its mission, for the last 82 years, has been to train soldiers for combat, but the camp and its natural environment has brought enjoyment to several generations of visitors, both military and civilian.

Maps for self-guided tours are available at Camp Headquarters, Building 117, (the second building on the right past the armory) or from the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, located in the city park.

Mercy AuSable River 10K Run

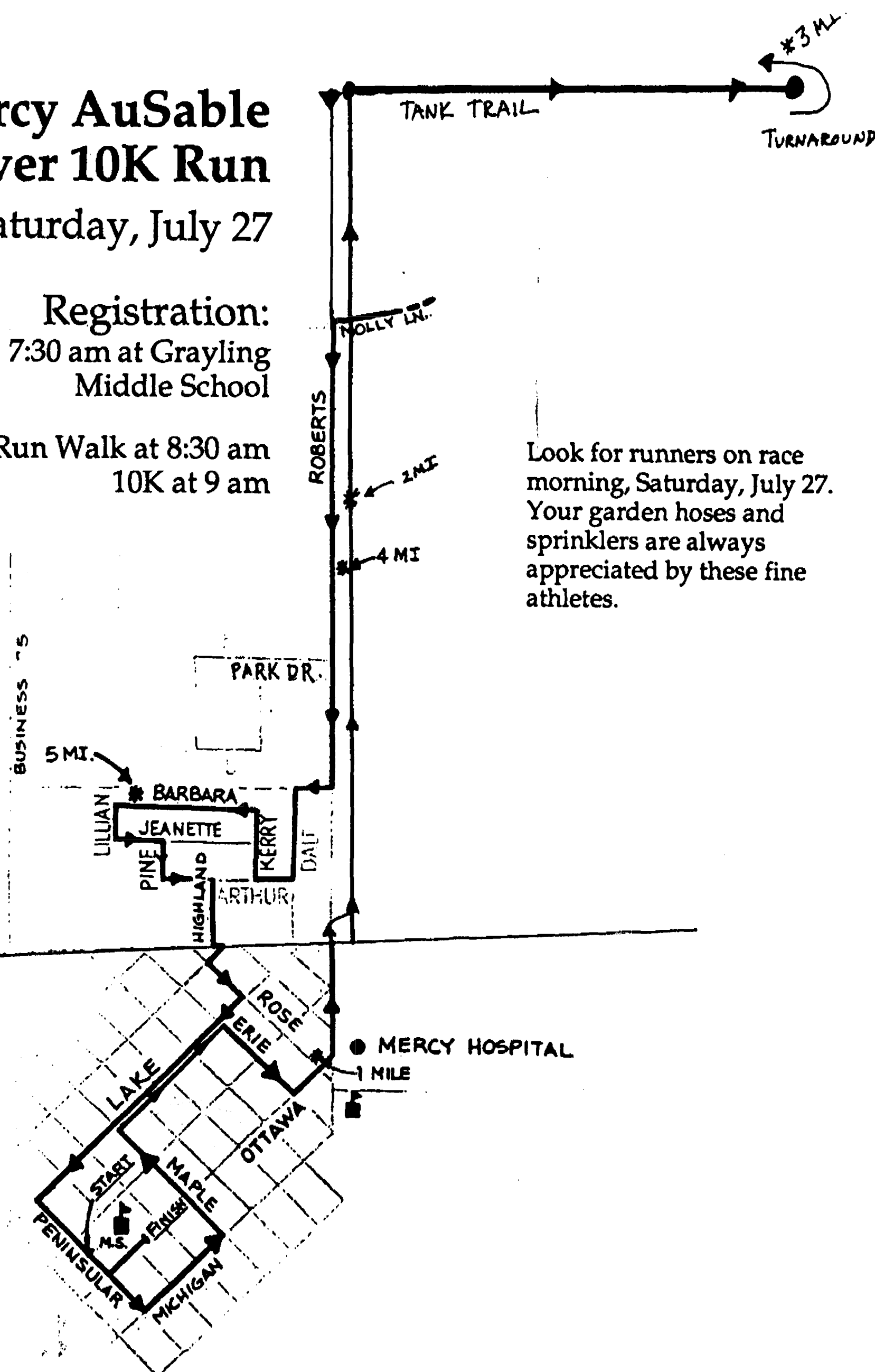
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WELCOME TO CAMP GRAYLING--Camp Grayling always welcomes visitors. Among the points of interest just inside the entrance are a mixture of modern and historic buildings, along with a tank and helicopter, which recently replaced the welcome sign just inside the gate.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard W. Leyland, son of Robert W. and Susan J. Leyland of Grayling, recently participated in the largest maritime exercise in the Baltic Sea, BALTOPS '96, aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City.

Leyland's ship was part of a 14-nation force, which included 48 vessels and 12 aircraft squadrons from the United States and Baltic Sea States, including Russia, Germany, Poland and Denmark. BALTOPS '96 conducted in the spirit of NATO's partnership for peace initiative, is an annual exercise conducted to build mutual understanding, improve communications and enhance multinational interoperability in the areas of maritime sanction enforcement.

Leyland participated in more than 227 surface and air events, which included search and rescue, coastal surveillance, custom enforcement and

other maritime operations.

Leyland's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

The 1993 graduate of Grayling High School joined the Navy in June 1993.

Grayling Redskins cheerleading sign-ups to be held

If you are in 5th through 8th grade and would like to cheer for the Grayling Redskins football team this fall, there is only one week left to sign up. Space is limited.

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Artist visits Hartwick Pines

At the Hartwick Pines State Park Visitors Center, wildlife artist Mary Elizabeth Watt from Dearborn Heights, was painting a mute swan.

Watt has competed in various competitions including the Michigan Wildlife Competition in which she won honorable mention for wildlife artist of the year.

She will return in August to demonstrate her talent.

Also in August, Hartwick Pines State Park will hold Black Iron Days Festival Aug. 24-25.



Central Michigan announces May graduates

About 2,800 students were among the May graduates at Central Michigan University. Included among the graduates were:

Christopher Bindschattel of Frederic, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree; Ralph Hubbard of Frederic, with a Bachelor of Science degree; Heather Alford and Brian Dawson, both of Grayling, with Bachelor of Science degrees; Patricia McLaughlin, Allen Morford and Heather Watts, all of Grayling, with Bachelor of Science in Education degrees.

Voters sort fact from fiction in bear-hunting vote

By Althea Mathews
Special Writer

Animal-rights groups and sportsmen's alliances continue to butt heads over opposing views on the protection and management of wildlife in Michigan.

The conflict may be resolved at the polls this November when Michigan citizens vote on Senate Bill 1033, a constitutional amendment that seeks to give exclusive authority for wildlife management to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC).

The bill, introduced by State Senator Matt Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, has been touted as "the pro-wildlife act" by Richard Jameson, executive director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).



"The bill would guarantee professional, science-based fish and wildlife management, insulated from the whims of public opinion and interference from other agencies," said Jameson in the July issue of *Michigan Out-of-Doors*.

Jameson has drawn sharp criticism from Citizens United For Bears (CUB), an animal-rights organization founded by Upper Peninsula resident James Rogers. The group maintains that SB1033 is a threat to democracy as it intends to cease public input in wildlife affairs.

"I think there are some legal and constitutional questions (with SB1033)," said Tony Holmes, spokesperson for CUB.

Holmes also contends that the bill was introduced to confuse voters and divert attention from the CUB initiative. The initiative seeks to ban the use of bait and dogs for bear hunting, a practice CUB deems as bad sportsmanship.

CUB gathered 341,000 signatures for the initiative. The initiative will appear on the November ballot along with SB1033, pending validation of signatures and a court judgement on a technical error in the proposal.

Sportsmen's coalitions such as the Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance have pointed to the fact that 96 percent of bears captured in the state are captured with bait and dogs. They claim the passing of the CUB proposal would lead to an unmanageable overpopulation of bears, resulting in crop damage, property damage and increased attacks on people.

According to Larry Visser, wildlife research specialist at the Houghton Lake Department of Natural Resources (DNR), "it is difficult to tell" if the aforementioned problems would indeed result.

"Certainly with a reduction of harvest, the bear population would increase, possibly resulting in increased nuisance complaints," said Visser.

Visser cited the example of the reduction of bear harvest on Drummond Island from '83-'88. Nuisance complaints were high, he noted.

Visser also mentioned the recent bear sighting in Grayling.

"It took four DNR employees to

handle the situation," he said. "These things are costly in that they take a lot of time."

Holmes denies that overpopulation of bears and the subsequent negative consequences would result from a ban on bait and dogs.

"In 1992, the state of Colorado passed a similar initiative," he said. "All of these sky-is-falling accusations were made, and none of them came to pass."

As the debate continues, special-interest groups compete with furor for the public's attention.

While CUB implores the public with emotional television pleas, a May 30 editorial in *The Daily News*, and Iron Mountain-Kingsford newspaper, plays on public sympathy for small-town family values by lamenting the possible loss of "teaching a son sportsmanship through hunting."

Sportsmen stress that CUB's constituency is mainly downstate, urban dwellers and out-of-staters, out of touch with the realities of Michigan wildlife. CUB activists retaliate by disclosing that pro-hunting groups have received hefty out-of-state funding.

On Nov. 6, voters will wade through fact and fiction and determine where the authority for wildlife management should lie.

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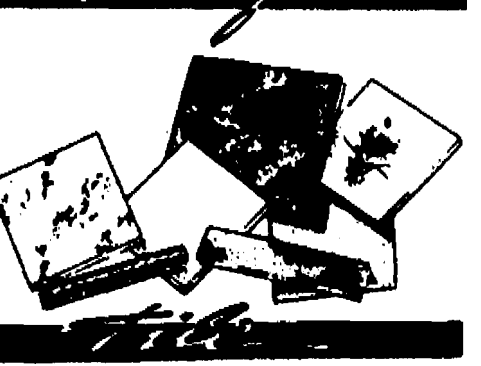
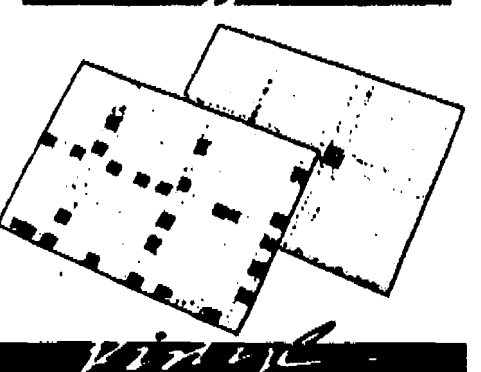
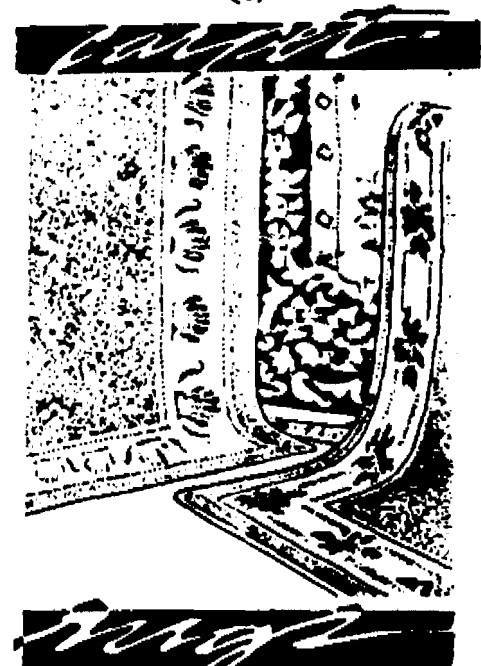
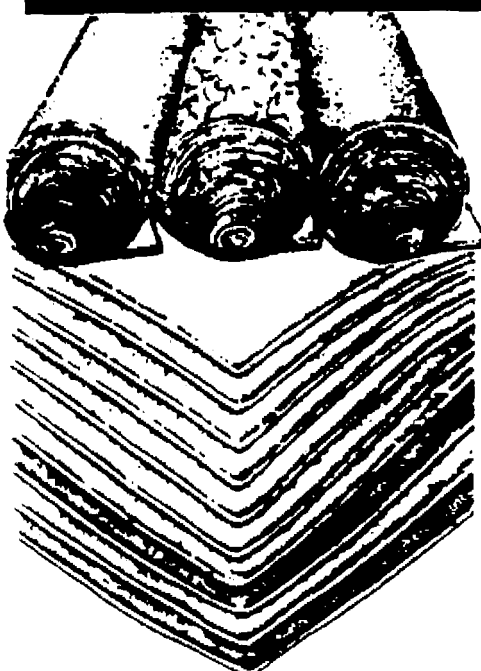
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American Legion Post 106 baseball team sweeps Cadillac

On July 17, the American Legion Post 106 baseball team met the American Legion Cadillac team and swept both games of the twinbill by scores of 15-12 and 7-4.

Grayling's pitchers Aaron Perrin, Chip Waite and Andy Perrin combined with West Branch's pitcher Darcan Nuebecker to hold the Cadillac batters at bay until the Post 106 offense lit up the night with 14 hits.

Waite threw exceptionally well striking out seven Cadillac batters in three innings of work. Local stars Jason Thompson, Ben Haskel, and Andy Perrin led the hit parade by totalling six hits and eight R.B.I.s.

Haskel also became the first batter in recent memory to break an

aluminum bat in half when he sent the barrel to the pitcher and the ball to first while batting in the fourth inning.

Grayling's American Legion team, which honors local veterans and fallen servicemen, showed tremendous spirit as the boys rallied from behind in both games to secure the victories.

Upon reaching the dugout, he was advised by his coach to slow down on football weightlifting until after the baseball season was over.

The second game began as a pitcher's duel between Cadillac's top hurler and Grayling's Aaron Perrin.

However, after falling behind 2-0 in the third inning, Thompson homered to right and the Post 106 team rallied to forge a permanent lead.

With Thompson entering the game as pitcher in the third inning, the Grayling defense exhibited fine skills to prevent a Cadillac comeback.

Roscommon first baseman Moose Brausa and West Branch shortstop Dallas Smock, son of ex-Grayling athlete Mike Smock, paired for several key putouts in the infield.

Also contributing to the Post 106 victories were Mio infielder Jason Smith and Roscommon outfielders Guy Thurston and Ryan Hubbard. Hubbard, 15, was the Post 106

sparkplug by scratching out five hits on the day.

The American Legion Post 106 team also supported by the Grayling Burger King, was organized by Roscommon attorney Douglas Dosson and coached by Smock and Grayling's Tom Haskel.

In addition to providing area youth an opportunity to compete in quality baseball after Little League, the Post 106 team promotes loyalty to family and country while always remembering the armed servicemen whose sacrifices have given the United States its freedom.



TOUGHMAN BREAKS BAT--Ben Haskel saws in half an aluminum bat against Cadillac.



TROPHY PRESENTATION--Douglas Dosson, American Legion Post 106 baseball team organizer, presents the Bud Barrett Participation Trophy to Coach Mike Smock and team players.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Canoe Program--Our first canoeing clinic was a great success. Jeff Kolka instructed participants on the pond at Hanson Hills. Thursday morning participants learned canoeing safety from Marine Deputy Shawn Schnoor. The trip from Ray's Canoe Livery sharpened the canoeing skills.

Kids Golf Program--Beginning Tuesday, July 30, at the Grayling Country Club. Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. will be practice day. Thursday from 9-11 a.m. will be play day. (5 to 6 holes.) \$40 fee for four weeks of lessons.

Summer Playground--We have lowered the rates of our Summer Playground Program. The new rates

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\$22 per day or \$88 per week. Half-day rates are available. For more information call 348-9266.



LET'S GO CANOEING--The Summer Fun program gives children many fun opportunities.

Business relay races to be held Thursday

By Nancy Lemmen
Special Writer

The level of talent may not be as great as seen in the Marathon itself, but those looking for a lot of fun and excitement will want to attend, or enter, the seventh-annual Business Canoe Relay Race on Thursday, July 25, from 5-7 p.m.

While the Marathon sprints are being run nearby, the Business Relay Race will be pitting four-person teams, sponsored by local businesses, government agencies and community-service organizations, on the river two at a time. This system allows for challenge races, also called "grudge matches."

According to race rules, grudge challengers are "encouraged to make tasteful public statements, write letters to the editor and send letters to would-be challengers, highlighting the competition's anticipated capabilities in the upcoming race."

The race itself is a looped course beginning at Penrod's, where two team members paddle the upstream leg to Ray's. From that point, the other two members race back downstream to Penrod's.

Since each leg of the race takes only about 10 minutes, exceptional physical fitness is not a prerequisite. Furthermore, only two team members must be from the sponsoring organization, so family and friends can be recruited. But "ringers" are not allowed in order to maintain the fun aspect of the race.

Competition, however, is encouraged. Rule number one is "You must enter to win. Absolutely no exceptions." The winning team is the one that has the shortest elapsed time of all the entries.

The relays, which will be limited to 50 entries, have men's, women's and mixed classes. The entry fee is \$10, and all necessary equipment is provided.

Early registration deadline for the Business Relay Race is Thursday at 3:30 p.m., at the Marathon Race office at the Grayling Mini Mall. Late registration will be available at Penrod's from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. on Thursday. Trophies will be awarded at the Paddlers' Dinner on Friday evening.

"This is a real fun part of the warm-up to the Marathon," said Marge Martella, Marathon co-chairperson. "There are lots of challenges."

The business relays are organized and run by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club.

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JUNIOR LEAGUE WINNERS—(back row, L-R) Coach Bruce Burkett, Matt Evon, Peter Belcher, Mike D'Amour, Chase Barnett, Chris Jones, Coach Bob Gorski; (middle row, L-R) Cameron McClain, Brad Gorski, Levi Burkett, Justin Neuberger, Rusty Strohpaal; (front row) Steve Roshy.



10-YEAR-OLD WINNERS—(back row, L-R) Coach Randy Herman, Coach Russ Strohpaal, Coach Bonnie Brewer; (middle row, L-R) Ryan Schmidt, Zack VanNuck, Andy Strohpaal, Joe Bourrie, Dan Kostopolous, Jason Strohpaal, Lee Schrieber; (front row, L-R) Joe Lange, Travis Gildner, Lance Harmer, Don Starks, Greg Morrill, Travis Hatfield, Willie Brewer.

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- Chronic pain from nerve damage may last for months or years and can lead to serious psychological suffering.
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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Katherine "Kate" Fritz, 16, left on July 10 with a group of students known as Teen Mania Ministries, to spend a month in Ecuador. She will return on Aug. 10. Kate, a Grayling High School junior this coming fall, was sponsored by the Free Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Deb Leslie and the late John W. Fritz.

Christopher Bindschattel had a show of his art work at JDap in downtown Grayling on Saturday, July 20. Chris also has his own band "Occasional Tables" and had two CDs available. He is a 1990 graduate of Grayling High School and graduated from Central Michigan University on May 4, with a BA in fine arts. He has been accepted for graduate school at Central, where he will continue to major in art work. Chris is the son of Donna and James Carmean and Marty Bindschattel.

The Dr. Henig family enjoyed being together for their summer vacations when all five of their daughters and families were in Grayling. Visiting at the summer homes of Mo and Jan Henig and Candy and Mike Monroe, on the AuSable, were Janie and Don Sawyer and daughter Farish of Salmon Arms, British Columbia; Claudia and daughter Elizabeth Pielack of Eastpointe; Bettina and husband Michael Dean of Ionia; and Gretchen Nelson of Grayling.

Several Grayling homes hosted members of the Kaiser-Karl Schule, Itzehoe Theatre group of Itzehoe, Germany, for four days last week. The group performed at Kirtland Community College on Saturday evening, July 20, performing the light opera by Jacques Offenbach, *Die Banditen* (The Bandits). The talented group of high school students put on a wonderful show with much singing, and though the show was done mostly in German, the plot could be understood by the audience. It was a humorous opera and a special feature was the unusual way in which the costuming was done on stage with most of the players on stage at all times. The players were housed throughout the community college area and made many friends among their hosts. They enjoyed a full day Friday of visiting tourist spots in the area and shopping.

The group, who is sponsored by Blue Lake Camp, had performed there as well as in Lansing, before arriving at Kirtland. After leaving here, they were to perform the *Bandits* and *Le Perichole* in Escanaba before returning to Chicago for their flight to Frankfurt, Germany.

Richard and Barbara Febey hosted Julia Jurgensen and Wiebke Smidt, Jean Gothro hosted Annika Schramm, Dan and Deb Chosyczyk hosted Julia Krause and Annika Woyda, and Bob and Fay Bovee hosted Dr. Wolfgang Rogge and his wife Ute Rogge.

Ute celebrated her birthday on Friday, and was treated to dinner at the Top of the Park in Traverse City. She also treated the entire cast of the play with a birthday cake from Goodale's, decorated with an American Flag.

Hartwick Pines holds Wood Shaving Days



LEARNING OF THEIR ROOTS--Hartwick Pines State Park hosted its annual Wood Shaving Days Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21. This was a weekend to step back in time to the lumbering days of old at the old logging camp. Visitors viewed demonstrations of a steam-powered sawmill, blacksmiths, wood carvers, whittlers, dulcimer music, log cutting by a two-man saw, and many more craftspeople at work. Pictured above Craftsman Chuck Andrews (C), of Portage, makes wooden rakes and chairs. He shows Grayling's Bill Golnick (L) how to pound rake tines while Brian Gomez (R) shaves chair legs.



CELEBRATING THE PAST--Quilter Rosemarie Sluiter (L) and her husband Winfield were among many of the demonstrators at Hartwick Pines State Park Wood Shaving Days.

Kirtland Community College to open clinic

By Althea Mathews
Special Writer

The quest for affordable, convenient health care may last a little longer than expected for students and faculty at Kirtland Community College (KCC).

The September opening of the schools' nurse-managed center, a clinic located on College Drive, has been postponed until January.

The delay is due to the lack of candidates in the area to fill the position of medical director.

However, the clinic promises to be well worth the wait. The KCC community will be able to access low-cost care for a wide range of episodic illnesses. General services, such as yearly physicals and contraceptive counseling, will also be offered.

"I've been pushing for five years for the clinic. I'm excited to see this become a reality," said Michelle

Marineau, a pediatric nurse practitioner and future manager of the clinic.

Marineau has been a pediatric nursing instructor at KCC for 10 years, and recently served as director of health occupations at the college.

In time, the Nurse-Managed Center hopes to extend its services to the family members of students, and eventually to the general public. This will be a blessing for economically-disadvantaged families, especially those headed by single mothers.

"Fifty-five percent of students at KCC are women, and a large proportion are single mothers," said Marineau. "I hear from many women who have difficulty getting care for their children, and it breaks my heart."

It is undecided whether the clinic will operate on a fee-for-service basis or on a comprehensive student health care fee.

Regardless, "people won't be refused based on an inability to pay," said Marineau.

In addition to affordability, the facility is within close proximity to the college. This significantly reduces travel time for many.

Nursing students at KCC will also gain clinical experience at the center. Currently, the majority of the students commute to Traverse City for training.

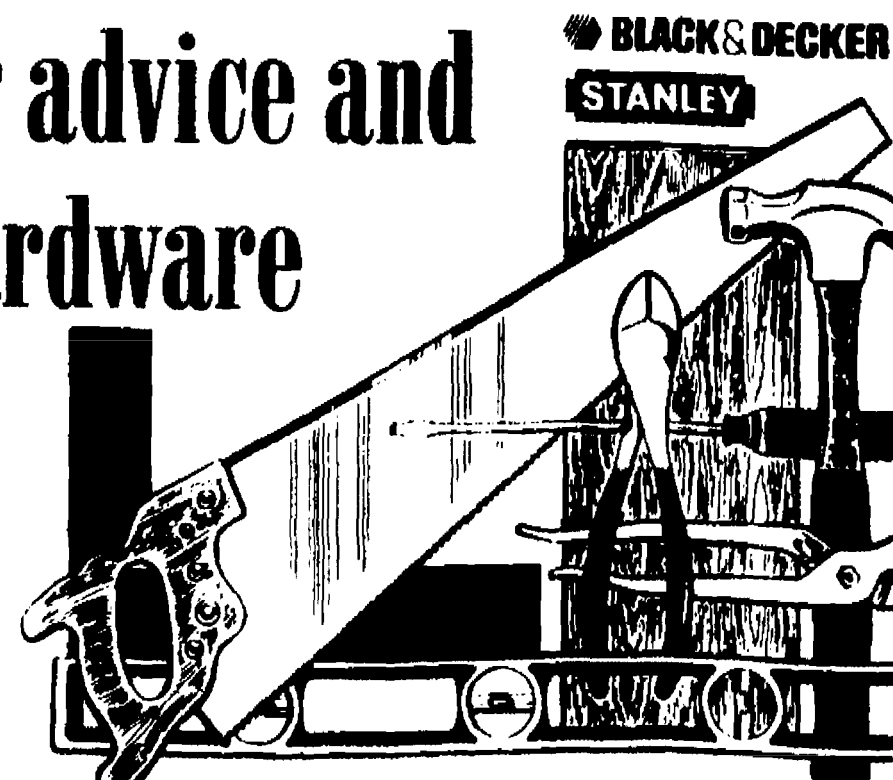
Three family nurse practitioners will be accepting patients--Anne Colby, who is practicing with Dr. Ramaswamy of Grayling; Marianne Fleischmann, who is working with Dr. McNamara of Lewiston; and Marineau.

Beth Mogle and Lisa Peacock, who are finishing their education at KCC, will offer services in women's health and gynecology.

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Mercy Auxiliary officers start new term

A long-standing tradition continued on July 1, when the newly-installed officers and board members of Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary began their term of office.

Carol Edman, president-elect of the North Central District of the Michigan Association of Hospital Auxiliaries, traveled from Cheboygan to officiate at the induction ceremony held at the Holiday Inn of Grayling on June 26.

The gala evening recognition banquet included presentation of service hours awards pins to 68 active auxiliary members by Dennis Renander, president and CEO, Mercy Health Services North, and Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, chief operating officer, Mercy Hospital Grayling, with top honors going to Gertrude Westlake for 10,000 hours of volunteer service. Special recognition was given to Martha Taylor, membership chairperson, and Tom and Mary Pletzke, special services chairpersons, as they concluded their terms on the auxiliary board.

The 1996-97 auxiliary board will include those officers pictured above, as well as: JoAnn Mathews, fund-raising chairperson; Susan Warren, journal editor; Kenneth Eldridge, legislative chairperson; Bobbie Kulkun, membership chairperson; Lynn Nally, publicity; Kathy Prause, remembrance chairperson; Thelma (Teddie) Nims and Mary Kay Zienart, service hours chairpersons; Maxine Galloway, special services chairperson. The Window Shop team consists of Jane Haller, manager; Sue Brenner, buyer/consultant; Jean Riemer, buyer/consultant; and Christina Linderer, bookkeeper.



INCOMING OFFICERS-- (Left to right, top photo) Marlene Lippard, president; Debbie Looney, president-elect; Barb Ressler, secretary; Bob Borak, treasurer; and Dorothy White, counselor.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS-- (Left to right, bottom photo) Martha Taylor, membership chairperson; Mary and Tom Pletzke, special services chairpersons.



Card of thanks

In returning to my home in May, I planned on working the summer helping our business, Stevens Family Circle, to grow. Big surprise! Three days later, after I arrived, I was in Mercy Hospital for an extended stay. I wish to thank all of those who worked so hard to help me get well. Thank you, God, thank you Grayling and surrounding area for your prayers, words and visits. Thank you to North Flight, the emergency room nurses, doctors, technicians, etc. The intensive care unit and room 260. A special thank you to Dr. Fahal Alghir, Dr. Macon and Dr. Todoroff. Sincerely, Martha Jane Stevens

Card of thanks

The family of Beverly J. Elwell would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy during our time of loss. We appreciate the fast response from our neighbor, Robert Weatherly; also Ed, Ron, Brian and Scott from the Beaver Creek Fire Department; the team from North Flight EMS; neighbor Bob Safin and his fellow workers from Mercy Hospital; Derek McEvers at Sorenson Funeral Home; and to James Arney for his special remembrance to J. To all of you, thank you and may God bless you all. Steve and Irene Schultes Tom and Terry Curtis

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OBITUARIES

John Howe, Sr.

John H. Howe, Sr., 80, of Grayling, died Thursday, July 18, 1996, in Bear Lake Township. Funeral services were held Monday, July 22, at 11 a.m., at MacDonald Funeral Home, Howell, with Dr. David Russell officiating. Burial was in Riddle Cemetery, Osceola Township. Local arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Howe was born July 3, 1916, in Hartland, and had been a resident of the Grayling area since 1959, moving here from New Boston. He was a retired superintendent in the road construction industry.

Mr. Howe was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys, in 1985; and by his parents, James and Rose (Runyan) Howe. Survivors include: companion, Louise Kamppinen of Grayling; son, John Howe, Jr. of Grayling; daughters, Gloria and husband Dan Mitchell of Port Orchard, Washington, and Tish and husband Dave Hubert of Chesapeake, Virginia; brother, Ernest Howe of Howell; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial gifts to the American Heart Association.

Janet White

A memorial service will take place for Janet Grace White on Sunday, July 28, at 2 p.m., at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Reverend J. Douglas Paterson will officiate.

Mrs. White passed away Dec. 14, 1995, in Stockton, California. Memorials are suggested to the charity of one's choice.

Card of thanks

Words cannot express our thanks to all those friends who sent cards, phone calls, food, and those who stopped by with many prayers for us.

Special thanks to the E.M.T.s of Lovells, Northlight, the staff of Amicare/Amicare Hospice, Grayling Mercy Hospital, Dr. Ralph Steffe, Reverend Paul Boerger, Sorenson Funeral Home, and very special thank you to Kim Newcomer.

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We had an occasion to fish on Indian Lake over in Kalkaska County one night last week. We managed to catch a few blue gill all near shore. They seemed to still be spawning. However, the big news was the bass fishing. We must've caught 30 bass, some very nice size ones. So if you are into bass fishing, you might give this lake a try.

We have been getting some good reports of nice size perch from Lake Margrethe the past two weeks or so. Also, they are getting some decent blue gills off and on. And there's always small walleyes and an occasional large Walleye. This is always fun.



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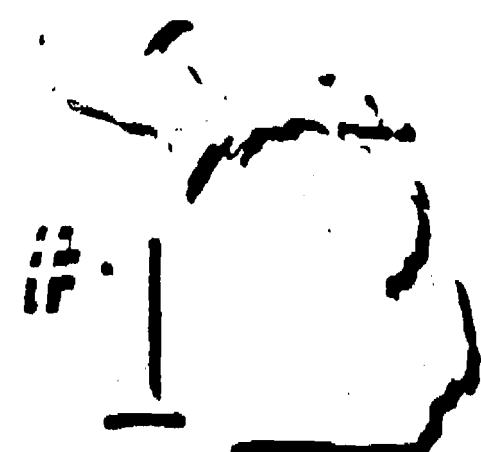
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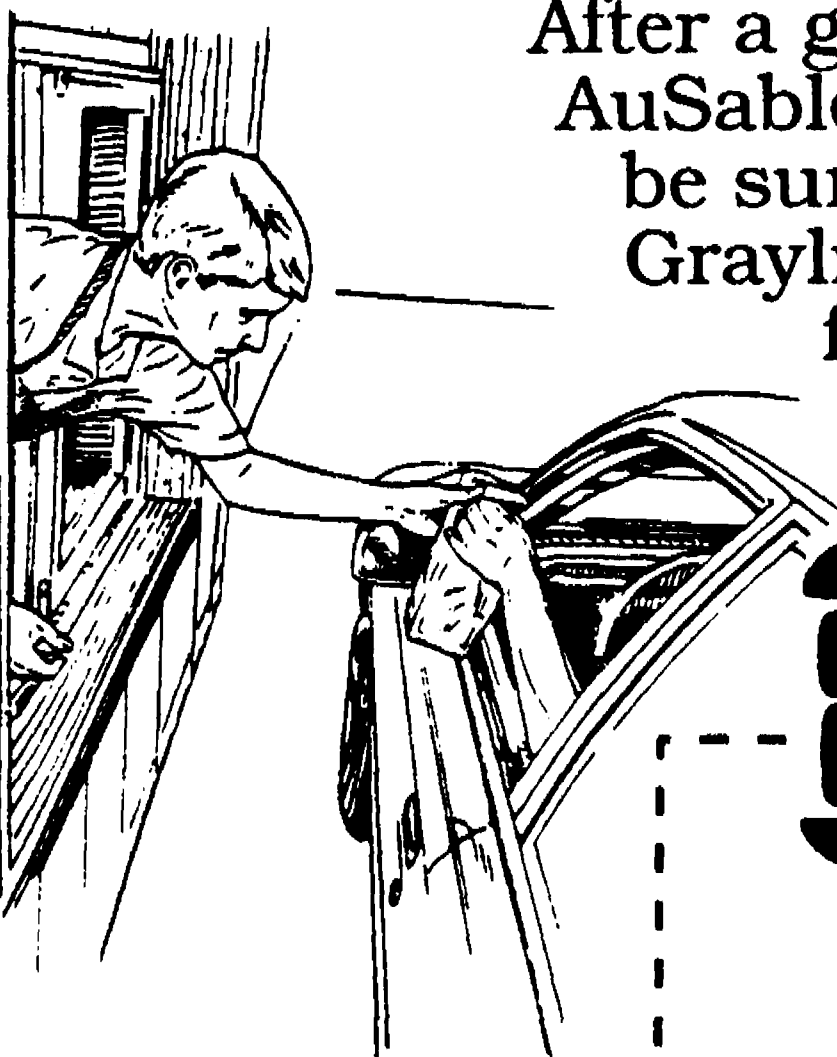
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1996 census of the Kirtland's warbler shows it moving north

By Shirley D. Schmoock
Special writer

Busy cash registers signify what it takes to fuel the northern economy. An unlikely enhancement to this economy is a new cottage industry which has sprung up around the welfare of a small gray bird called Kirtland's warbler. This tiny famed resident of the local jack pine forests, however, is finding the Hiawatha National Forest in the Upper Peninsula much to its liking. A current census indicates 14 males have been spotted by the Kirtland Warbler Recovery Team. This gain may be our loss.

"This is only the second year that mated pairs have been found outside of the traditional nesting area in the northern Lower Peninsula," said Tom Weise, DNR Endangered Species Coordinator. "Especially encouraging are the increased numbers of birds in outlying areas of Otsego and Alcona counties and in the Upper Peninsula." Wildfires there have offered new nesting ground for the bird.

Upper Peninsula? Crawford County has been long celebrated for being the home of Kirtland's warbler. Could we lose this special designation?

"Probably not," John W. Hunt, Environmental Manager for Camp Grayling said, "We monitor the habitat of the bird, and this year we found four nesting pairs in a new place."

The 1996 census figures bear this out. A record high of 765 singing males was established in 1995, but 692 were counted this year. There was a record low of 167 tallied in 1987.

The yellow and gray flash this tiny bird makes in the woodlands requires the sight of an eagle to detect. The energetic bird is fast and constantly twitching its tail.

Because of their scarce numbers, the belief that one has actually seen a Kirtland's warbler, lies somewhere between a long shot and the object of sheer illusion.

Warbler recovery team
The volunteers and environmental specialists responsible for the yearly counting, providing of habitat, and maintaining the general well-being of Kirtland's warbler has become a cooperative venture between federal, state and private agencies.

The Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team was established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The management program they administer is carried out with the cooperation of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Forest Service, the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, the Michigan Audubon Society, and numerous other private

and citizen organizations.

What is a Kirtland's warbler? *Dendroica kirtlandii*, a bird (five inches) just a bit longer than its name, is the object of many concerns and for good reason. The bird is on the Endangered Species list. Why? A DNR bulletin explains the two major reasons.

The first is that habitat for nesting is limited. "Humans have changed Michigan's forests. Kirtland's warbler is very selective in choosing where it nests."

The second is what the forest service calls, "the Cowbird Parasitism. This brown headed bird lays their eggs in the nests of Kirtland's warblers. As the host bird raises the cowbird young, these larger, more aggressive birds

Habitat is endangered too
It has become an established fact that the bird will not breed under just any tree nor will it take up residence in the hedge rows commonly found across the state.

This bird has chosen to nest in the lower branches or under the jack pine stands, a soft-wooded scrub pine found growing in poor soil.

The jack pine is neither a handsome forest denizen nor is it an ornamental tree. It is ill-shaped and commercially suited only for making chip board and providing fuel for the steam generating plants.

What is not generally known is that the jack pine shelters a host of wildlife and plant species.

Some of the animals and plants that share the jack pine habitat are deer,

The male bird begins to sing once he locates such an estate. The warbler recovery team calls this estate "a plantation." They sing at least once every five minutes and they can be heard a 1/4 mile away. They sing from dawn to dusk, rain or shine; they are counted by this warbling tune, a distinctive song that once heard, memory of it is captured in the mind for all time.

If vast tracts of jack pine like those found in lower northern Michigan were all the bird needed, their numbers would probably increase rapidly and proportionally. But another disagreeable factor in this bird's unusual survival equation is that the trees must be a minimum of five feet tall and a maximum of 16 feet (usually around eight years old). The branches must be sparse enough to allow sunlight to pass through to the ground, and the lower branches must be bushy and alive.

In June of every year, a census is taken. A D.N.R. News item of July 11 states, "85 percent of the warblers are located in Oscoda, Ogemaw and Crawford counties. During the June 1996 survey, 692 singing males were counted by researchers, biologists and volunteers." The recovery team's goals are to have 1,000 nesting pairs.

This elusive bird gathers in what the specialists call colonies. "Unlike true colonial nesting birds, each male warbler has an exclusive territory." The Warbler Census bulletin states, "Individual colonies have had from one to nearly 300 singing males. The males defend their territory with loud, persistent singing."

The Michigan United Conservation Club newsletter stated, "mature jack pine should be harvested and replanted. Modern forest fire control has allowed the trees to mature and has prevented the creation of new areas. Now, however, in a special area set aside for warbler management, controlled fire is one tool used to maintain Kirtland's habitat."

Every year, thousands of people come to Grayling and surrounding communities to chance a glimpse at one of the world's rare wonders. Here, in a land where wildlife watchers marvel at the rivers, the animals and the plants, if they miss Kirtland's warbler, they still go home filled with rich memories. The Endangered Species Act does work. Please be a good steward and do your part. Your grandchildren will appreciate your efforts.



KIRTLAND'S WARBLER

push out the tiny warblers."

DNR Wildlife Biologist Jerry Weinrich, Houghton Lake Wildlife Research Station said, "The reduction in this year's total count from last year is due to a reduction in the availability of larger areas of aging jack pine habitat, combined with a slower-than-hoped-for increase in the occupancy of younger habitat areas. Some 2,000 acres of new habitat were used for the first time this year... but it will not immediately make up the difference in the loss of large habitat areas that are becoming too old for use by Kirtland's warbler."

bear, rabbits, bluebirds, sandpipers, and wild turkeys. Badgers, owl, woodpeckers, and wild flowers too numerous to identify are also found growing or scurrying beneath the trees.

Another thing that makes the jack pine stand special is Kirtland's warbler has an apparent affinity to this tree and will build its nest nowhere else. Researchers believe that to rehabilitate the warbler's numbers, young jack pine stands must be provided.

One acre of this pine tree would cover a football field, but this 5-inch bird and his mate need 30 to 40 acres of trees to call their own.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Gloria and Morden Post celebrated a belated 50th anniversary with an open house at the home of Dave and Gayle McClain, with over 100 attending. Many cards, letters and phone calls were received.

The table was graced with flower arrangements given by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Post, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knutella and Mrs. Doris Souders. The cake knife was decorated by Mr. and Mrs.

Gary Puppo.

A buffet lunch was served, and a beautiful wedding cake with a gold cross and wedding rings graced the table.

Guests were from Bay City, Lansing, Wet Branch, Hemlock, Auburn, Hart, Flushing, Shelbyville, Olivet, Waters, Frederic, Whitehall, Trufant, Grayling, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Colorado and Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Post was also honored with a 50th wedding celebration in Punta Gorda, Florida on March 9, where they have spent the last 26 winters. Their son, Rick Post, grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Post, and great-granddaughter, Taylor Morgan Post, also live there. The party was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jacks Hicks, Jr. and Mrs. John Coffey and friends.

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Supreme court launches court reform

By Shirley D. Schmoock,
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From the Crawford County Courthouse, Justice James H. Brickley, chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, officially launched the 46th District Trial Court on July 19. This is a court demonstration project involving Otsego, Kalkaska and Crawford counties, and it is one of six pilot programs ordered by the supreme court on May 31.

"The counties will embark upon a two-year program to merge their circuit, probate and district courts into

a single court of general jurisdiction. The goal is to lead the state in developing coordinated, flexible local court systems that meet changing community needs in a cost-effective manner.

Brickley said of the move, "The process will help us become more responsive to the people we serve. Our constitution says that we have one court of justice and that the supreme court has superintending control over the judiciary. With that in mind, the justices decided to exercise leadership and move for change."

Brickley said when the idea of court reorganization was first proposed, the court sought out judges, attorneys, users of the courts, both civil and criminal. They then issued a compendium, and there was nothing else like it before. The recommendation for change was unanimous.

"This pilot project will merge the 46th Circuit Court, the Crawford County division of the 83rd District Court, the Kalkaska and Otsego County divisions of the 87th District Court, and the Otsego, Kalkaska and Crawford county probate courts. Complex issues to be studied in this project setting also allows for full-time participation of a part-time probate judge which will result in faster case scheduling, a more even case distribution among judges, and for matters involving the family to be heard by the same judge."

"Our three counties pose a unique challenge among the demonstration projects by being the only multi-county circuit involved," said Judge Alton T. Davis, chief judge of the project. "Cooperation among the courts involved will be the key to success, and I have no doubt we'll achieve it."

This distinctive pilot project to streamline the court system here will offer those responsible for its success an opportunity to set legal precedent. Other district pilot programs are located in Washtenaw, Berrien, Isabella, Barry and Lake counties. These programs involve the consolidation of the court in a single county, but Crawford, Otsego and Kalkaska represent the consolidation of three counties into a single court. Hon. John N. Kirkendall, demonstration project judicial coordinator, said, "The court system has not seen significant change in over 300 years. What today's technology will do to foster change will do more in the next 20 years than in the last 300. The trend is for attorneys to open home offices, work from their own computers, and technology will give them direct access to the courts. "The primary goal of this

reorganization," Kirkendall said, "is to increase service to the public. Within this three-county area, we've found dedicated staff and the spirit of cooperation between the members of the judiciary."

John Hunter, Crawford County probate judge, has been named as county judge of the new 46th District Trial Court. "I can finally bring family issues together whether it be custody or divorce. I am able to cut red tape, and I believe it's a great opportunity for the courts of the State of Michigan to achieve their goal."

When asked what will happen if the project is scrapped after its trial time is over, Justice Brickley said, "It would be a mistake to not be optimistic about this project. We know it's the right way, and by the end of the second year, we'll have learned so much that the other counties and districts will find the change irresistible. And by then, we'll have enough information to approach the legislature for permanent funding."

In summary, he then added, "We'll never go back."

County unemployment rises in June

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in June was 6.8 percent, which was equal to the rate posted in May for the area and 2.0 points lower than the 8.8 percent rate for June 1995. Over the month, wage and salary employment grew by 7,100 jobs. Seasonal job gains took place in retail trade, private non-professional services (primarily at resorts, hotels, and golf courses), construction and in transportation (primarily ferry services). Employment declines were noted over the month in government as profits of support staff at local schools exceeded hires of temporary summer help at local, state, and federal parks. June's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with both the Michigan rate of 4.9 percent and the national rate of 5.5 percent. The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during June was recorded in Presque Isle County at 11.0 percent, while the lowest rate was in Leelanau County at 3.6 percent. In Crawford County, the unemployment rate rose from 6.7 in May to 9.7 in June. The total civilian labor force was 5,700. The total number of employed persons was 5,300 and the total unemployed was 400. The June, 1996, unemployment rate of 7.0 percent compares favorably to the rate of June, 1995, which was 9.7 percent.

1996 Unemployment
Crawford and surrounding counties

County	June	May
Antrim	6.0	6.3
Otsego	9.8	4.6
Montmorency	10.5	10.7
Oscoda	8.5	9.0
Crawford	7.0	6.7
Kalkaska	7.4	7.3
Missaukee	5.9	5.4
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Ogemaw	9.3	8.7

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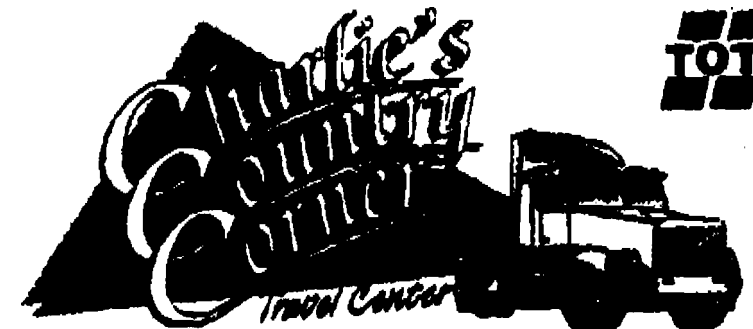


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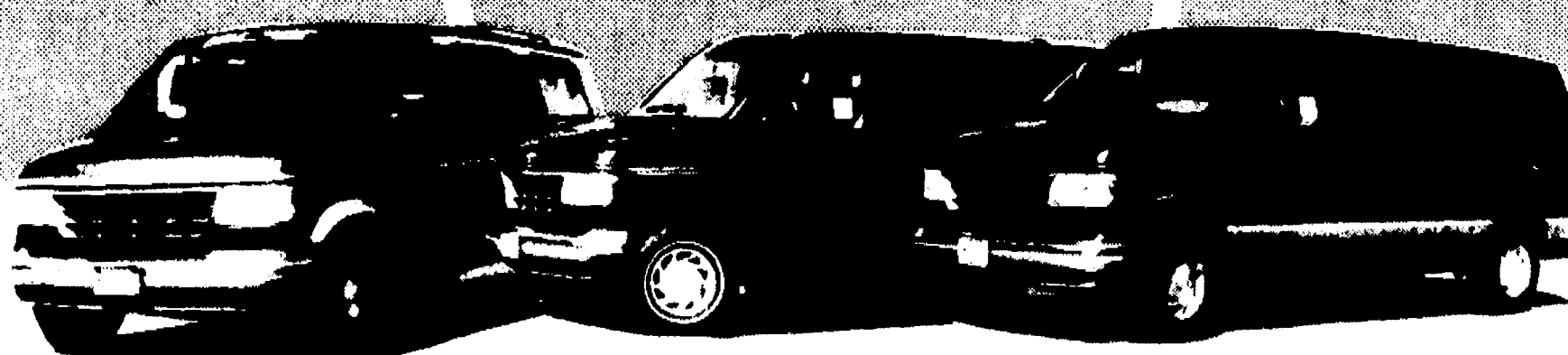
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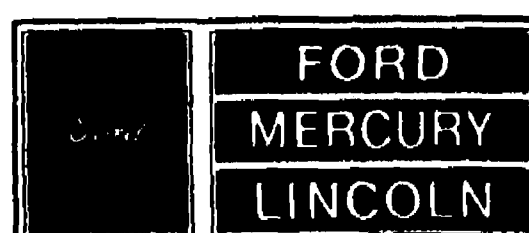


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Camp Grayling hosts cannon invitational

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abuse, the partnership will work to encourage adults to promote the message of abstinence.

"ALIVE! Partnership for Positive Choices" will make its first public appearance Saturday, July 27, in the AuSable River Festival Parade.

People interested in participating in "ALIVE! Partnership for Positive Choices," are urged to contact Leslie Kroeze at District Health Department No. 1, at (517) 348-7800.

Assistance available for youth programs

The AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau reminds those who qualify, of their Youth Recreation Assistance Program. The program provides financial aid to area youth who wish to take part in an approved athletic or cultural activity.

To qualify for financial assistance, youth must be of school age and a Crawford County resident. Children who qualify for the school's free or reduced lunch program will qualify for assistance.

If applying for assistance, a parent must sign forms at the office prior to signing up for Redskin football or another fall activity.

Payments can't be made directly to individuals, only to businesses and organizations.

If interested, call 348-2841, ext. 262.

Rotary Club to hold chicken barbecue

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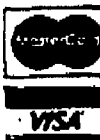
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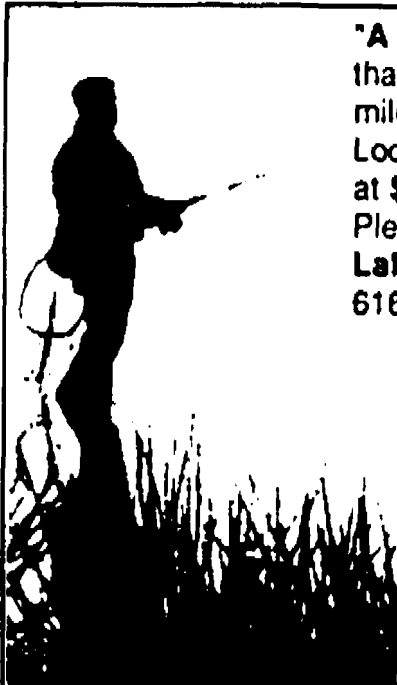
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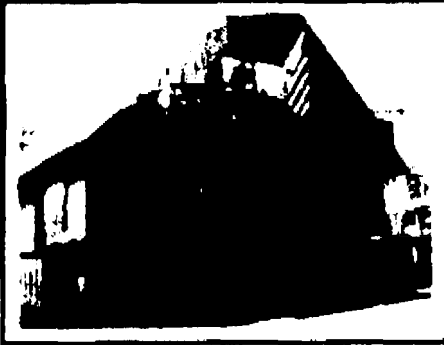
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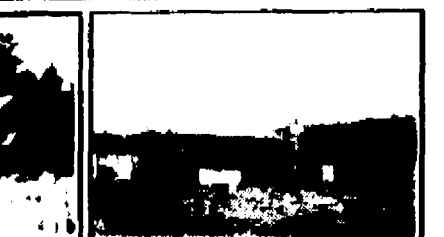
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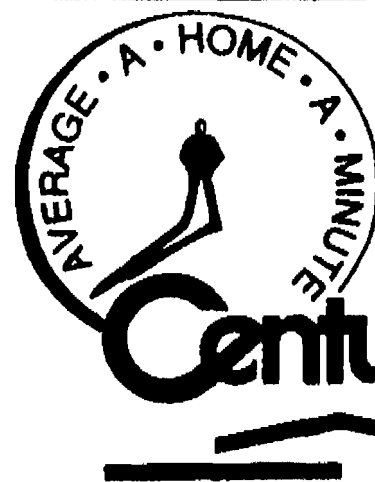
MANISTEE RIVER FRONTAGE 13.02 acres on both sides of the river, 271' frontage on the house side and 181.5 on opposite bank. Features extensive decking, built-in lighted gun cabinets, brick fireplace, wicker wood mantle & glass health, Jacuzzi and much more! \$155,000. #3738



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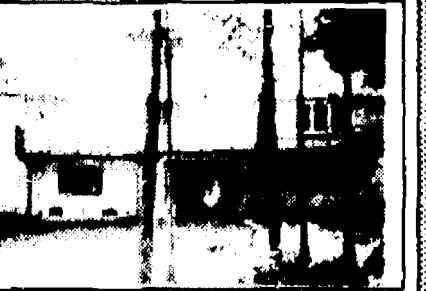
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NORTH BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER - Three bedroom home with 1 1/2 baths, full-finished walk-out basement, 24x30 garage with blacktop drive, satellite dish, back-up power. Lots of extras, large wooded lot with 275' of river frontage. Nice view. Reduced to \$94,900. (LM-881)



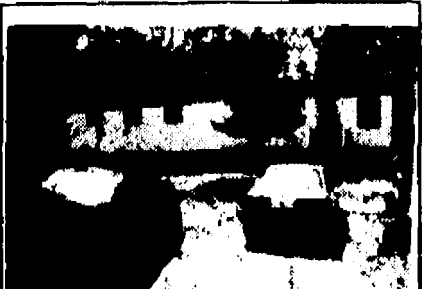
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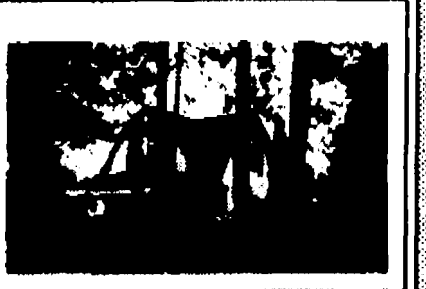
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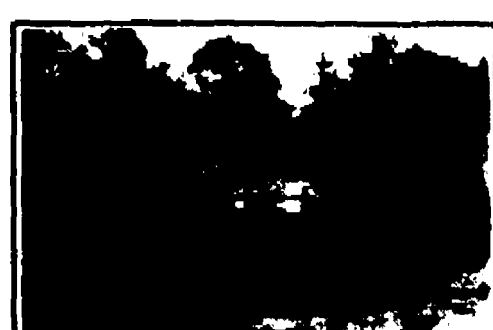
WATERFRONT - AuSable River system - \$61,000 - YES, IT'S STILL POSSIBLE. Three bedroom chalet, 1,140 sq. ft., fireplace, sliding glass doors out to deck, 105' frontage, doorwq onto balcony. CH-432



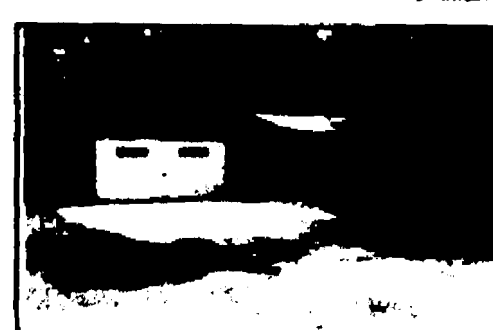
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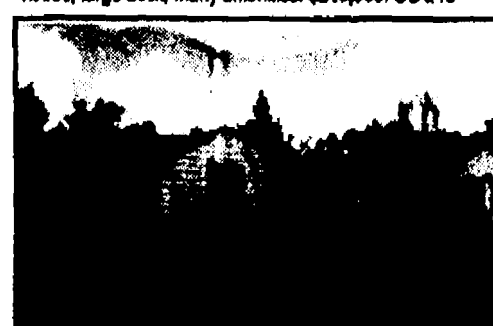
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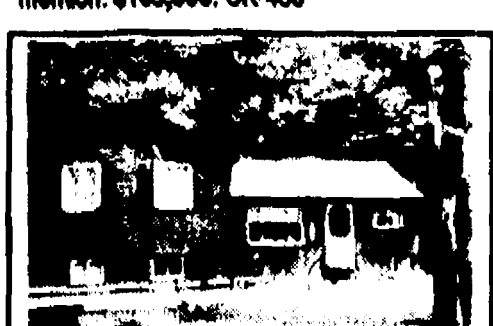
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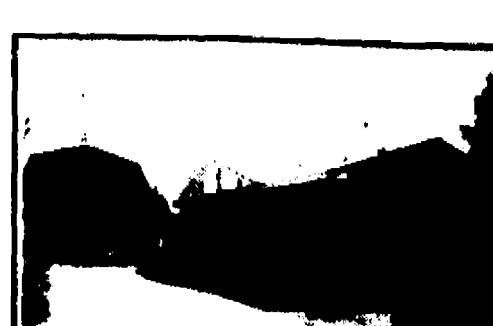
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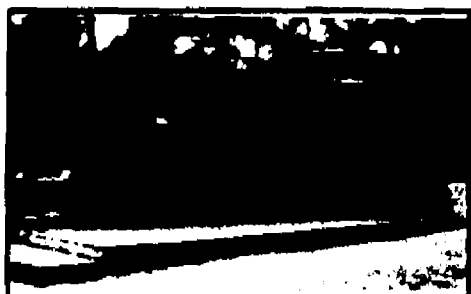
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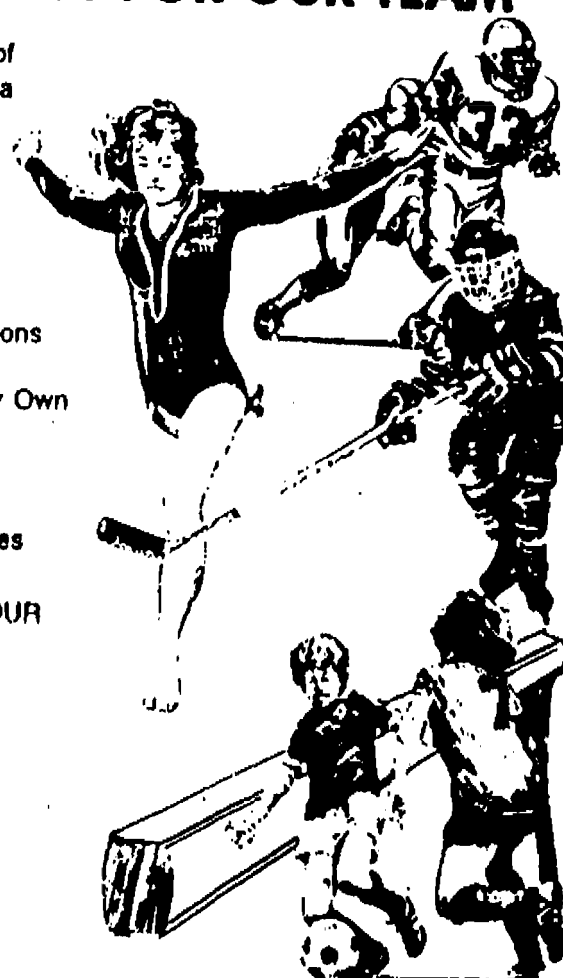
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FAST & FUN! Sea Doo jet boats. All models in stock, priced right. Bank terms. Spicer's Boat City, M-55, next to high school, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed. -25-1/5

PRE-OWNED RUNABOUTS deck boats & fishing boats at July sale prices. Bank terms. Spicer's Boat City, M-55, next to high school, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed. -25-1/5

5. For Sale

TAN LAZY BOY RECLINER rocker, \$40. Solid maple butcher block table with four canned chairs, \$300. All excellent condition. 348-7246. -25/5

FOR SALE LH 1964 Bear Tamer-lane 38", \$125. Three Bear compounds: RH Polar II, \$70; RH Polar II, \$65; LH Grizzly, \$50. Bear River tree stand with screw-in steps, \$65. Game carrier, \$70. New Nordic Track Pro cost \$800 will take \$400. 517-348-7459. -25/5

NORDIC TRAK WALK FIT Like new. \$650 new, make offer, 348-6967. -18-25/5

FOR SALE: Sailboat, 18ft., Newport White Cap, w/trailer, main jib & spinnaker sails, good shape, \$700. 348-5433, 348-8336, evenings. 7/18/96t/5

1977 SEARAY, 165 HP, looks and runs good, \$2,300 or best trade offer. 348-7837. -11-18-25/5

1983 SEARAY 245 Sundancer AFT cabin, 260 h.p. Merc Cruiser, loaded. One owner, with 1986 Shorelander trailer. \$18,900. Can be seen at Terry's Sports Center or call 348-4213. 6/6/96t/5

AFRICAN VIOLETS by Don Geiss will have a booth at the American Legion crafts sale in the Legion building on July 26. We will have violets of many new colors. -25/5

FOR SALE PARAPLANE high performance canopy. Two hours flying time. \$2,000 off, asking \$5,600 or best offer. (517) 826-6374. -25-1/5

FOR SALE 1971 HILO travel trailer, 20 ft., sleeps four, furnace, refrigerator, stove, bathroom, very good condition. \$1,600. 348-9703. -25/5

\$1,000 OFF on '96 Polaris 780CC Watercraft. All Sea Doo & Polaris models sale priced. Bank terms. Spicer's Boat City, M-55, next to high school, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed. -25-1/5

COKE SPECIAL Grayling Clark Station, Fri., Sat. and Sun., 12-packs for \$5. Saturday only 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - hot dog and a coke for \$1. -25/5

SWEET CHERRIES & TARTS - Michigan. \$1.50 a quart. Call 348-8094, located M-72 East, Grayling, five miles. -25/5



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Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
Business I-75 & M-93 • Grayling

6. Wanted

FREE GAS, Grayling Clark station, two \$50 drawings on Saturday. Good Luck canoers. -25/6

ALL PEOPLE WHO SEE a large purple van with yellow wheels and trim to honk if you see it north in Grayling. Stop if the sign says OPEN. -25/6

JOB SEEKERS Free telephone message service at Crawford County Community Christian HELP Center. Call 348-6046, M,W,F, 9 am - 3 pm. LR8/29/96/6

LOOKING FOR A LATE MODEL Full-size, four-wheel drive, pickup. Call Ron at 348-6761 or 348-6394. 7/18/96t/6

7. Miscellaneous

OLD ORIENTAL RUGS WANTED Any size or condition, 1-800-443-7740. -18-25-1/7

LOST: GLASSES in case around Wakeley Bridge. Reward, call 348-7254. -18-25/7

7. Miscellaneous

FREE TO GOOD HOME/HOMES, one-year-old spayed female, black lab mix. Excellent with children, also 5-year-old spayed female cat, very affectionate, loves to cuddle. Great family pets. 517-348-5786 or 517-348-6002. -25-1/7

LEARN COSMETOLOGY, Kirtland Community College's state approved program allows you to become licensed to work in a beauty salon after passing the state examination. Certified, experienced instructors provide up-to-date techniques. Register August 14-18. Call (517) 275-5121, Ext. 284. -25/7

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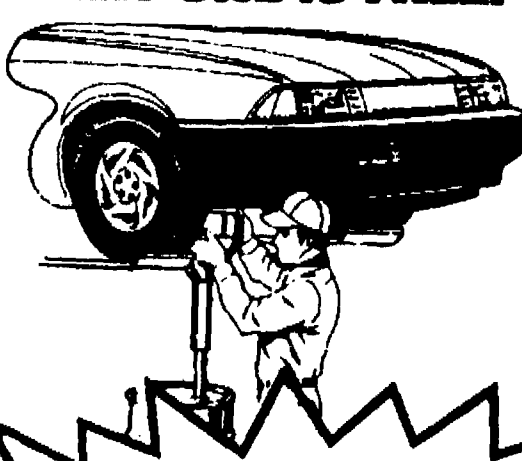
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LEGAL ACTION

Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting July 9, 1996

Members Present: John Medler, Lynette Corlew, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Arnold Stencil. Members absent: None. Others present: John Scheer, Roberta Corlew, Terry Wright, Dennis and Mercier Meyers. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stencil.

Motion by Corlew, support by O'Mara, to approve minutes of June 11, 1996, as presented. All eyes, motion carried.

Treasurer's report for June 1996 were read and is on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No action required)
C. C. Board of Commissioners 6-11-96 minutes, C. C. Resource Conservation & Dev. Comm., 3-96, Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District 6-96 minutes, C.A. School District Board Hearings 6-17 & 6-24-96. **BUSINESS:**

Motion by Corlew, support by Ashton, to approve Ruth O'Mara signing of Fireworks Permit application for Camp AuSable on June 28, 1996, for July 4th display. All eyes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to that the request from John C. Scheer, 10411 Spike Horn Lane, Grayling, MI 49738, for new full-year on-premise quota license be considered above all others and that the application be recommended for issuance by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Ayes: five, Nays:

none, motion carried.

Motion by Corlew, support by Ashton, to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing repairs to the roof of the Grayling City-Township Fire Department. All eyes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, support by Corlew, to recess regular meeting and open Public Hearing of Necessity for Road Maintenance Special Assessment District. All eyes, motion carried. Supervisor opened Public Hearing at 8 p.m. and explained that the hearing is for the purpose of receiving and reviewing public comment regarding the necessity of creation of a Special Assessment District for maintenance and snowplowing of Kelmway, Ontario Blvd., Gingerquill and Szejner roads, lying in Sections 10 and 15, T26N, R2W.

Forty-seven of 69 property owners have signed the petition requesting maintenance. No correspondence on file opposed to the project. Dennis Meyers spoke in favor of the project. Several unidentified parcels owners voiced approval.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Ashton, to close public hearing and re-convene regular meeting. All eyes, motion carried.

Motion by Ashton, support by Corlew, to approve creation of a Special Assessment District for the maintenance of Kelmway, Ontario Blvd., Gingerquill and Szejner roads, also commonly known as Ken-Mar, and authorize supervisor to draw the assessment roll and schedule a public hearing of said assessment roll for 8 p.m., Aug. 13, 1996. All eyes, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to approve the revised continuation of the Portage Avenue Special Assessment roll as recommended by the court and as drawn by the Supervisor, which includes a 15 percent contribution to the project by Grayling Township. Ayes: four, Nays: Medler, motion carried. The paving project has been completed. Reports: Supervisor submitted a yard analysis of the Township Hall grounds done by Tri-Green Chem-Lawn recommending insect and disease spray for trees and shrubs. Building Dept. report on file.

No response to ads for recycling attendant or Grayling Recreation Authority Board member.

Motion by Medler, support by Corlew, that board members be authorized to attend consultation with Cooley & Plunkett for discussion of landfill issues, if such a meeting is scheduled. All eyes, motion carried.

Motion by Corlew, support by O'Mara, to authorize payment of bills on vouchers 17829, 17856, Guardian Dental 3324, Liquor Inspections 3180, and Board and Comm. fees \$355, for a total of \$90,890.57. Ayes: five, Nays: none, motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to adjourn. All eyes, motion carried.
Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Garfield Township, Kalamazoo County is accepting sealed bids for re-roofing, re-siding and other repairs to cemetery building and re-roofing the pavilion in the park.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting township clerk at 915 West Sharon Road SE, File Lake, MI 49633, or by calling 369-2828. Bids must be received by township clerk on or before August 7, 1996. The Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid which in their opinion is in the best interest of Garfield Township. Bids will be opened at the regular board meeting, Thursday, August 8, 1996, at the Garfield Township Hall, 0486 West Sharon Road, SE, File Lake, Michigan.

Joyce Hahn
Garfield Township Clerk

NOTICE

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10 am, local time, August 8, 1996, for furnishing **MECHANICS UNIFORMS**.

The bid form may be picked up at the Road Commission office.

BIDS MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE AS TO THE ITEM BEING BID.

The Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bids, to reject any or all bids, and to accept bids, which in their opinion, are in the best interest of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

By: James Briney, Managing Director of
The Road Commission For Crawford County
ROBERT NELSON, Chairman
KENNETH CHAPP, Vice Chairman
RAYMOND SWIERCZ, Member

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Tamarack Circle and River Drive Paving Project

The Road Commission For Crawford County Crawford County, Michigan

The Road commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids at their office, 500 Huron St., Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10 am, local time, July 25, 1996, for road construction services.

The project consists of grading, graveling and paving approximately 0.67 miles of Tamarack Circle and River Drive in S31, T27N, R4W, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The instructions to bidders and bid forms may be examined at the Crawford County Road Commission offices, at the Frederic Township Hall, and also at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Bidding documents may be obtained from the Owner for no cost.

Bids must be made upon the appropriate bidding forms. All bids must be plainly marked as to their content. A five percent bid security must accompany each bid.

The bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of 100 percent of the total contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date.

The Road Commission For Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

NOTE: Successful bidder (Contractor) is responsible for all MISS DIGS.

NOTICE

The Crawford County Library is accepting bids for two renovation projects.

1. Storage container for garbage cans.
2. Air combustion duct for furnace.

Please call 348-9214 or stop by at 100 South James Street.

10-25

NOTICE

The Road Commission For Crawford County, in cooperation with the Canoe Marathon Committee and Department of the Sheriff is establishing temporary bridge closures on July 27th and 28th at the following locations:

Stephan Bridge Road
Wakeley Bridge Road
McMaster Bridge Road

The temporary closures will be in effect throughout the race, allowing only for "feeders" with special passes and emergency vehicles to pass.
Action taken: 7-11-96.

By: J. Briney, Managing Director
For: The Board of Road Commissioners:
Bob Nelson, Chairman
Ken Chapp, Vice Chairman
Ray Swiercz, Member

10-25

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Maple Forest Township Board will hold a Special Meeting at the township hall on Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 7 pm for the purpose of opening and reviewing sealed bids received for the building of a proposed addition to the township hall and any other general business that may arise.

Susan Keene
Township Clerk

Custom Business Forms
Available at the AVALANCHE

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS Lovells Township Regular Board Meeting July 9, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Scheibly, Hopp, Haberland, Pacha and Duby, along with six others.

Minutes of the 6-11-96 board meeting were accepted. Bills in the amount of \$6,181.06 in the General Fund, \$3,286.95 in the Fire Fund, \$627.45 in the Landfill Fund, \$32.70 in the Liquor Fund, \$200.03 in the Library Fund were approved to be paid.

The treasurer's report was accepted and correspondence read and placed on file.

Fire Chief reported six runs and submitted attendance report. Building Administrator issued five permits, board of appeals granted variance request and salvage yard owner written in regards to violations to special use permit. June Liquor Inspectors report and Assessors quarterly report filed.

Motion approved to hire an architect to draw up plans for Fire Barn stall addition.

Motion approved to amend Library Budget by moving \$100 from equipment and \$200 from Improvements into Book Purchases.

Motion approved to allow the Lovells Township Board members to attend the litigation meeting with Crawford County and City Environmental without intending to violate the open meeting act.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.
Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will be accepting sealed bids from license contractors for the construction of a 24' by 48' addition with basement to the township hall on Sherman Road. Send bids to Susan Keene, Township Clerk, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic, MI 49733. Bid deadline is 5 pm Tuesday, July 30, 1996. Sealed bids will be opened and reviewed at a Special July 30, 1996 meeting. Bidders may contact McHugh Engineering Corporation at 1824 Old 27 South, Gaylord, Michigan, 49735, Ph. 517-732-0770 for prints and specifications. Maple Forest Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept other than a low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities and/or errors in bids, which they feel is in their best interest. Contractors must provide a performance and payment bond.

Susan M. Keene
Township Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Township Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING On Tuesday, August 13, 1996, beginning at 8 pm in the conference room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive the review public comment regarding the following private road improvement project:

Kelmway, Ontario Blvd., Terra, Gingerquill and Szejner Roads, also commonly known as Ken-Mar. Public Hearing regarding approval of the Special Assessment Roll for maintenance of these private roads located in Sections 10 & 15, T26N, R2W.

Tentative Special Assessment Roll is available for inspection at the Grayling Township Office during regular business hours.

Property owners living on these roads or using same for access who feel they should be excused from the assessment because they will not benefit must appear or file a written request at this hearing in order to protect further appeal rights.

Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-4361 phone or (517) 348-8713 FAX.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Election Notice

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION TO THE ELECTORS CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING HELD AUGUST 6, 1996

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 1996, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

US. SENATE
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
COUNTY OFFICES
TOWNSHIP OFFICES
PRECINCT DELEGATE
GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY PROPOSAL
TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 AM AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 PM ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1996.

Precincts:

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| 101 | Beaver Creek Township office, 8992 S. Oak Road, Roscommon, MI 48653 |
| 201 | Frederic Township Library, 4872 AuSable - Old 27 N., Frederic, MI 49733 |
| 301 | Grayling Township Offices, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 302 | |
| 303 | |
| 304 | |
| 401 | Lovells Township Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 |
| 501 | Maple Forest Township Offices, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 601 | South Branch Township Offices, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 |
| 701 | Grayling City Office, 103 James Street, Grayling, MI 49738 |

Sandra Moore
County Clerk-register Of Deeds

FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Forecast For: July 28 - August 3, 1996

- ARIES** Before popping the question, prepare yourself for the answer. It may not be what you really want to hear.
March 21-April 19
- TAURUS** Educational opportunity presents itself. Don't pass up the chance to increase your knowledge.
April 20 - May 20
- GEMINI** Spiritual guidance is your best compass. Blind faith is better than full sighted ignorance.
May 21 - June 20
- CANCER** Stick to your routine. Vary just a little and you may be put on the spot. Smooth sailing ahead.
June 21 - July 22
- LEO** Review your short-term goals. Make certain that they are what you really want and then go for broke!
July 23 - Aug 22
- VIRGO** Influential person could make or break your career. Beware of possible back-stabbing. Avoid gossip.
Aug 23 - Sept 22
- LIBRA** Reorganization of current structure could mean a change of venue. Accept new terms graciously.
Sept 23 - Oct 22
- SCORPIO** You may be eligible for certain benefits of which you are unaware. Check all sources before accepting the norm.
Oct 23 - Nov 21
- SAGITTARIUS** Family member could use your expertise. Give of your talents graciously and in good spirit. Be careful that you do not fall into a depression.
Nov 22 - Dec 21
- CAPRICORN** Stay busy, communicate with loved ones and don't be afraid to laugh.
Dec 22 - Jan 19
- AQUARIUS** Get your facts and figures straight before making demands. You could be left out in the cold.
Jan 20 - Feb 18
- PISCES** Procrastination will only make matters worse. Make your decision and get on with it.
Feb 19 - March 20



SPRINGER/LAB NEEDS A HOME--This springer/lab mix female is four months old, almost housebroken and is good with kids. If you would like to give her a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Your dog's coat can tell you a lot about his health and well-being, says the National Humane Education Society. Shiny hair with a certain bounce not only looks good, but is an indicator that he is in good health. Just a few minutes a day spent combing and brushing your dog's coat will show enormous benefits on him and your house will be cleaner.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago July 26, 1973

Kate Charron, 1973 Frederic Homecoming Queen and her royal family were crowned at the Fireman's Ball Friday, June 22. Miss Frederic is Beth Moody, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moody. Her court includes Deanna Welch, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Welch. Second runner-up is Sharon Kay Alma, 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. Sharon Alma and Maurice Alma. The Princess is Susan Moody, and the Prince is Joey Moody.

The Black & White Market will reopen in their new location on the corner of Norway and Ottawa streets, after being closed for three months during the construction of the new store, on Friday, July 27, at 8 a.m.

A broken valve on a heated bucket released 300 gallons of tar, which ignited and burned in the alley behind Dawson's about 4:30 p.m. last Thursday. The rear outside wall of the store was scorched and it was filled with smoke. There were no injuries. The tar wagon had been parked behind the store to permit tarring of the store roof.

The Homestead House will open its doors to business this Friday in the former Scheer Motors building across from the water tower in downtown Grayling.

The new RSVP office is now open, according to Director Helen Moon. It is located across the street from the Senior Citizen Center at 308 Lawndale.

A surprise dinner party was held at the Grayling House on Saturday, July 21, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Abner C. Sager on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Saturday evening, Margaret Douglas and Ruth Caid attended a dinner party at the West Branch Country Club honoring the 99th birthday of their uncle, Mr. Ernest Husted.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe DiGiovanni of Grayling, are the parents of a son, Nicholas James, born July 20, and weighing 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces.

Ezra Sanders celebrated his 77th birthday on Sunday, the 22nd.

The bowling tournament for Annual Training-1973 for the Michigan Army National Guard was won by the 1438th Engineer Detachment of Grayling. The team consisted of SSG Jim Dannenberg, Sp-5 Fred Arwood, SP-6 Mike Golnick, SFC Jack Rasmussen and WO-1 Ace Worden.

The volleyball champs for the Annual Training-1973 consisted of the team of Sp-4 Gary Hogue, CW-2 Ron

Larson, Sp-4 Tom LaMotte, Sp-5 Al Zigala, Sp-5 Gary Derenzy, Sp-5 Dan Brandis, SSG Jim Dannenberg, SG Earl Whaley, Sp-5 Rick Rutkowski, Sgt. Jim Sorenson, and Sp-5 Gene Drenth.

Robert C. Miller, son of Virginia and William Laurent, Lake Margrethe, has been promoted to sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, and is on float in the Mediterranean until December.

46 years ago July 27, 1950

The 172nd Fighter Squadron of the Michigan Air National Guard has been considerably handicapped by rainy weather since arriving at the Grayling McNamara Air Base last Saturday for their annual summer training program.

Despite the Korean War crisis and possible mobilization of the National Guard, Michigan's 46th Infantry Division and attached Guard units are proceeding with plans for their fourth postwar field training encampment scheduled for Aug. 12 to 26 at Camp Grayling. The 1950 encampment will mark the greatest concentration of troops and equipment in Guard history. Approximately 8,000 troops will participate in the Grayling operation.

R.N. Ilene Anthony has volunteered for polio work in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marshall are happy over the arrival of a baby daughter at Mercy Hospital on Friday, July 21. She has been called Kathleen Ellen and weighed 6 pounds.

Miss Charlotte Nelson of Birmingham is spending two weeks with Miss Betsy Niederer.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Perry of Detroit are spending the week visiting the William LaRush family. On Tuesday they, with Mrs. James Perry, Mrs. Claude Cardinal and Miss Wanda Cardinal, spent the day in Cheboygan and Indian River.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hilton opened their home at Lake Margrethe to 25 young people and Band Director LeRoy Christian on July 8, when the group had a surprise farewell party for Miss Ann Holm, who has since left for Enumclaw, Washington.

Mrs. Robert W. Feldhauser and Mrs. Ivan Hamblin were hostesses to the members of the T.N.T. Club, Saturday night at the town hall. The guests were kept busy playing games. The prize winners were Dora Feldhauser, Becky Hamblin, Jim Verlinde and Mrs. Jack Feldhauser.

Mrs. Wm. Foley of Grayling, and her daughter, Matilda Bishop a teacher of Cleveland, Ohio, called on old

friends in Lovells last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Papenfus and family were guests of the Clayton Kellogg family on Sunday.

Mrs. Amy Gothro spent the weekend in Lansing recently visiting her son and family, the Ken Gothros.

The front of E. R. Burns store has been freshly painted.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear with Hanna and Christopher spent the weekend in Harbor Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Allison and children spent the week in Poland, Ohio.

Sheriff and Mrs. Wm. Golnick are spending the week in Escanaba in attendance at the sheriff's convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow were in Traverse City last Wednesday to get Mary Lee, infant daughter of the Marshalls, who had been a patient at Munson Hospital.

Ferris Parsons of Rogers City is visiting old friends in Frederic for a few days.

Don and Ester Weaver made a business trip across the straits Saturday.

Eddie and Joan Carlson returned to Hazel Park Sunday, after a week's vacation at Shu Pac Lake. Pat and Margie Harwood accompanied them as far as Bay City, where Pat is employed at the M. C. Depot. Margie visited relatives for a week in the city.

69 years ago July 28, 1927

Some of the interesting events now occurring in China are likely to be witnessed by Clayton C. Sherman of Frederic, who was one of the latest men to leave this western base for service with the expeditionary force of U. S. Marines in Shanghai, Clayton was stationed at San Diego when he was selected for service aboard.

Junior Hanson is driving a new Nash coupe that is a beauty.

Jesse Sales of Detroit, is enjoying a week's vacation in Grayling. Mrs. Sales has been here for several weeks visiting her father, Lars Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Funk and family of South Branch expect to leave the latter part of next week on a motor trip thru the western states. They will visit the latter's parents at Mitchell, Nebraska and expect to be gone a couple of months.

Post Commander Alfred Hanson and Harry Hemmington of the local post were elected delegates to attend the annual state American Legion convention to be held in Jackson in August, with Dr. C. J. McCann and Emil Giegling as alternates.

Alfred Hughes left Monday for Kenosha, Pennsylvania, where he has a position as filer with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Co. Mr. Hughes has been employed by the Salling Hanson Co. the past 15 years.

Jess Schoonover has moved into his fine new garage on the corner of Cedar and Ogema streets.

The new federal aerial landing field at T Town is nearly ready for use. The land has been cleared of all trees, stumps and other obstacles and at this time federal surveyors are engaged in laying out the runways.

Harold Edwards left Wednesday for the Soo, where he will enter the citizen's military training camp at Fort Brady for a month's military training.

94 years ago July 24, 1902

E. N. Sailing was in town last week, just in time to see the wreck of the big mill stack and to eat trout with the boys when they returned from their fishing trip.

Esbern Hanson had a lively tilt at Portage Lake last Monday. He was fishing for bass with a light steel rod in a light boat, when a pike took the hook and pulled his craft around in great shape. He is an expert angler and played him safely until landed. The fish weighed 14 1/2 pounds.

James Cassidy has entered the employ of J. H. Redhead and is driving cedar on the North Branch.

Delvan Smith has added greatly to the appearance and comfort of his home by the addition of a roomy veranda on both fronts.

Editor's Quote Book

Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.

Aldo Leopold

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS

ACROSS

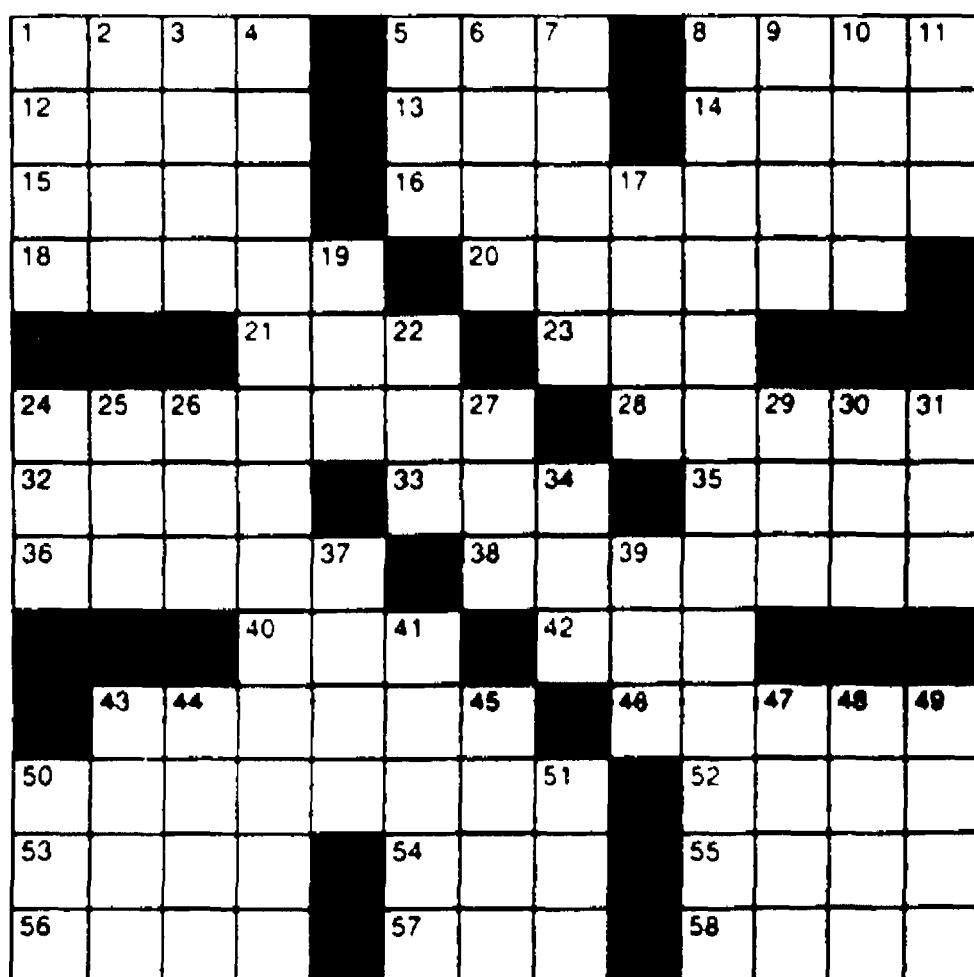
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- Dinner drink
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- Sun disk
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- Evil emperor
- Loch
- Health resort

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- Woody plant
- Turf
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- Accomplished
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- Long-lasting insecticide

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- Child
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- Cape
- Requires
- Price
- Zeus' son
- Soft job
- Cookie
- Unusual
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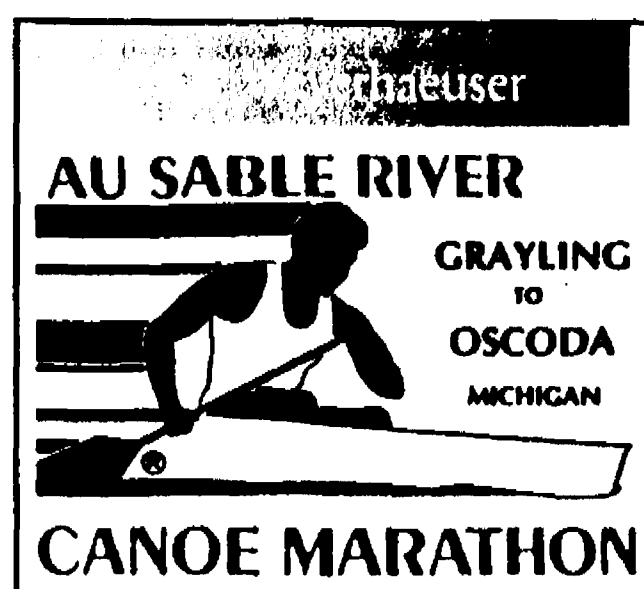


WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.
7/17	83	54	
7/18	88	52	0.01
7/19	78	60	1.85
7/20	72	63	0.01
7/21	75	43	
7/22	77	42	
7/23	78	45	

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Wednesday will be mostly cloudy, with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. The highs will be in the upper 70s. There is a chance of showers on Thursday, with the highs in the 70s and lows in the low to mid 50s. Thursday and Friday will both be fair and dry, with the highs each day in the 70s, and the lows in the upper 40s to the low 50s.



SPECTATOR GUIDE

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Saturday, July 27, 1996

World class canoe race is North America's richest and toughest

Top competitors, international media converge on northern Michigan for \$49,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, July 27-28

As many of the world's top athletes compete at the Olympics in Atlanta, another world class sporting event will be taking place on north central Michigan's famed AuSable River. Top marathon canoe racing teams from throughout North America are converging on Grayling for the 49th running of North America's richest, toughest, longest non-stop canoe race — the \$49,000 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River

Canoe Marathon.

The AuSable Marathon is the middle leg of the prestigious North American Triple Crown of Canoe Racing, a 3-race series that also includes New York state's General Clinton Canoe Regatta and Quebec's La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie. In 1996, over \$100,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded to competitors during the Triple Crown series.

The Marathon is receiving the type of world class media attention that a competition of this caliber deserves. DreamTeam Television, an independent British production company, will shoot post-Marathon news reports that will be broadcast to a worldwide audience numbering the hundreds of millions, via World Television News, TransWorld Sport News, CNN, ESPN, Reuters and airline in-flight programs.

An on-site mobile television production and satellite broadcast truck will provide live local reports and will up-link Marathon report "packages" to TV stations throughout Michigan, to regional sports channels and to the contestant's hometown TV stations throughout the United States and Canada.

Tens of thousands of Marathon fans descend on the AuSable River valley for the Marathon. Saturday evening, July 28, more than 15,000 fans will line the river bank in Grayling (population 2,700) as, at the 9 p.m. cannon blast that signals the start of the race, the 2-person teams will make the Marathon's famous spine-tingling LeMans-style run with their canoes through the streets to the river, beginning an over-night, 14 to 19 hour, 120-mile non-stop dash to the finish line in Oscoda, on the shores of Lake Huron.

Thousands of fans follow the Marathon, also known as North America's toughest spectator event, from start to finish. For over 18 hours, through the night Saturday and into Sunday, they will travel the road route from the start in Grayling to the finish in Oscoda, stopping to cheer on the racers at bridges, public access locations or at the six portages the contestants must make at Consumers Power hydroelectric dams. Thousands more fans attend private impromptu Marathon parties, hosted by many river front homeowners.

Paddling at a torrid pace, 50 to 80 paddle strokes per minute, while battling the darkness, the weather and the river's natural obstacles, the contestants will receive no outside assistance except food, drink, clothing, and other necessities passed to them by their

team of "bank runners" or "feeders" who meet them at pre-planned locations along the race course.

This year's Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon features one of the most competitive fields ever. Returning champs Jim Harwood, 31, of Grayling, and Patrick Lynch, 31, of Shawinigan, Quebec, will attempt to repeat their winning ways '96. A half dozen teams of the field of 46 are expected to provide the champs stiff competition in their quest for the top spot and the \$5,000 winner's share of North America's richest canoe racing purse.

Among those expected to give Harwood-Lynch a tough battle are the current Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing champion, Serge Corbin, 39, of St. Boniface, Quebec, and his partner Jeff Kolka, 37, of Grayling. Corbin, the dominant force in Marathon canoe racing during the 1980s and 1990s, has won the Triple Crown championship each of the four years since it was initiated.

In 1992-93-94 Corbin swept all nine Triple Crown races — in '92 with Brett Stockton of Grayling, and in 1993-94 with Solomon Carriere, 39, of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan. Last year, Corbin-Carriere won only the first Triple Crown race, New York's General Clinton Regatta, enroute to a narrow point-total victory margin in the series. Lynch finished with the second highest point total, just 10 points behind.

Corbin, who leads Lynch in the '96 Triple Crown standings by only five points heading into the Marathon, won this year's General Clinton race with 2-time Olympic kayak gold medalist Greg Barton. He is expected to team

with Barton for the last race of the Triple Crown series, Quebec's La Classique, in September. Barton is absent from the AuSable race only because of duties as a paddle sports competition venue announcer at the Atlanta Olympics.

Corbin's partner for the Marathon will be one of Grayling's hometown favorites — Jeff Kolka, 37. Kolka's father, Jack, competed in the Marathon many times, finishing as high as second. Son, Jeff, also finished second on several occasions and will have an excellent chance to break the Kolka clan into the winner's circle with Corbin, a 9-time AuSable champ.

Solomon Carriere, the 1995 Triple Crown co-champion who set the current Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon record time of 13:58:08 (13 hours, 58 minutes, 8 seconds) with Corbin in 1994 is teamed with Greg Barton's brother, Bruce, 39, of Homer. Bruce Barton finished second in last year's Marathon with Jeff Kolka.

With such a strong field, Corbin-Carriere's all time record may be in jeopardy. The winning team will be gunning for the \$1,000 RFB CellularOne Break The Record Bonus, if they can better the 13:58:08 record time established by Corbin and Carriere in 1984.

Tim Triebold, 43, of Marinette, Wisconsin, and Al Rudquist, 36, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, ambushed Corbin on his home turf at Quebec's



FIRST IN, FIRST OUT—That was the scenario last year when Patrick Lynch (front) and Jim Harwood hit the river first and crossed the finish line 14 hours, 20 minutes later to win the 1995 Marathon championship trophy. This year, they'll defend their title against extreme competition from teams across the United States and Canada. (Bruce Miles photo)

Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing heats up

Over 40 of North America's top marathon canoe racers are competing in the prestigious Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing. Over \$100,000 cash and prizes are awarded during the Triple Crown series.

The continuing battle for the top position and for other Triple Crown awards will be fierce at the middle-leg of the Triple Crown series — Michigan's Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, July 27-28.

"THE Marathon," as it is called by thousands of faithful fans, is an Official Sanctioned Event of the American Canoe Association, the National Governing Body for paddlesport in the U.S.A.

Established in 1992, the Triple Crown series includes three of North America's most prestigious marathon canoe races. New York's General Clinton Canoe Regatta kicks off the series over Memorial Day weekend, followed by the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon the last weekend of July, and the series winds up with the 3-day La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie, staged on Quebec's St. Maurice River over the Labor Day weekend.

Serge Corbin, 39, of St. Boniface, Quebec, has clearly dominated the sport of marathon canoe racing during the 1980s and '90s. He has racked up 46 victories at the three races that now make up the Triple Crown series. Corbin has taken the Triple Crown cup each of the four years since the series was established. In 1992, he swept the series races with partner Brett Stockton, of Grayling. He repeated the sweep feat in 1993 and

1994 with partner Solomon Carriere, of Cumberland House, Saskatchewan. Corbin and Carriere took top position again in 1995, but won only the first race of the series enroute to a narrow point-total victory margin.

Corbin won the New York race with 2-time Olympic kayak gold medalist Greg Barton and will team with Barton again for Quebec's La Classique, the final leg of the Triple Crown. Barton had to pass up the AuSable Marathon; he is a paddle sports venue announcer at the Atlanta Olympics.

For the Marathon, Corbin is teamed up with Grayling native Jeff Kolka, 37, who is intimately familiar with the twisting AuSable River course, which must be navigated through the night.

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is a non-stop, 14 to 19 hour ultra-endurance contest that provides the most difficult challenge in canoe racing, according to the competitors. It is North America's and, perhaps, the world's toughest, longest, non-stop canoe race. It is also the richest, offering over \$49,000 in cash and prizes; the winners will take home \$5,000 and have a chance to take the \$1,000 bonus if they beat the Marathon's all time record, 13:58:08 (13 hours, 58 minutes, 8 seconds) established by Corbin and Carriere in 1994.

As the entry deadline approaches, 47 2-person teams are slated to make the Marathon's famous spine-tingling LeMans-style running start with their canoes through the streets of Grayling to the AuSable River at dusk on Saturday, July 27. Forty-eight paddlers,

over half of the contestants entered, also competed at the General Clinton Race and are qualified for Triple Crown competition. This continues a steady increase in Triple Crown competition and participation, since the series was initiated in 1992, when 13 contestants completed the 3-race series.

Serge Corbin faces stiff competition in his attempt for a fifth consecutive Triple Crown championship. Patrick Lynch, 31, of Shawinigan, Quebec, finished just 10 points behind Corbin in last year's competition (1475 to 1485). He trails Corbin by only five points heading into the AuSable race, which he won last year with Grayling's Jim Harwood, 31. Lynch and Harwood are teamed again in an attempt to repeat as AuSable champs.

Following close behind the leaders,

just five points behind Lynch, are Bill Torongo, 34, of Roscommon and Al Rudquist, 36, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Torongo, who has finished second at the AuSable race on several occasions, will be teamed with Calvin Hassel, 32, of Grand Island, Nebraska. Hassel currently occupies fifth position in the Triple Crown standings. Rudquist's partner will be Tim Triebold, 43, of Marinette, Wisconsin. Rudquist and Triebold ambushed perennial favorite Corbin on his home turf last September, winning Quebec's 3-stage, 14 hour, La Classique by a 48-second margin.

Marathon canoe racing on the scale of these Triple Crown events is an action-packed spectator favorite, with the competitors maintaining a torrid pace of 50 to 80 paddle strokes per minute and features pitched competi-

tion, frenzied running portages and spills, which all take their toll on the paddlers. Tens-of-thousands of fans turn out to follow Michigan's Marathon and Quebec's Classique, the granddaddies and grand spectacles of North American canoe racing.

Until recently a little-recognized sport, these world class events have recently begun to attract increasing media interest and exposure. News reports about the Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon and La Classique have been carried worldwide by several cable/satellite sports/news services. National print media have likewise begun to recognize the unique interest and appeal of these canoe racing spectacles.

A factor contributing to increased media interest in marathon canoe racing has been the participation in the sport by U.S. 2-time Olympic kayak gold medalist Greg Barton. Though Greg will not complete the 3-race series, the Barton family is well represented in the Triple Crown competition by Greg's brother, Bruce, of Homer, and Bruce's wife, Roxanne.

For the upcoming AuSable race, Bruce is teamed with 3-time Triple Crown champ Solomon Carriere. Roxanne will be shooting for the Marathon's all-time women's record with partner Carrie Trudgeon, 26, of Oscoda.

For information about the Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing, contact the organizing committee at P.O. Box 911, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Marathon office will be open all night for race results

The Marathon office in the Grayling Mini-Mall will turn into the official communication headquarters for the race at the sound of the gun marking the LeMans start at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

Updated race information from all 13 timing stations and the finish line will be available at the office all night and the next day until 4 p.m. Sunday, July 28.

As many as 25 volunteers from the Hanson Hills Amateur Radio Association will be relaying official race news to the office.

"We'll have the official times for all the teams racing, not just the leaders," said Marathon committee member John Cherven. "We'll also have other race information such as teams who have to drop out."

Cherven said anyone who can't follow the entire race is welcome to drop into the office at any time during the race. Fans may also call the office, 348-4425, for race updates.

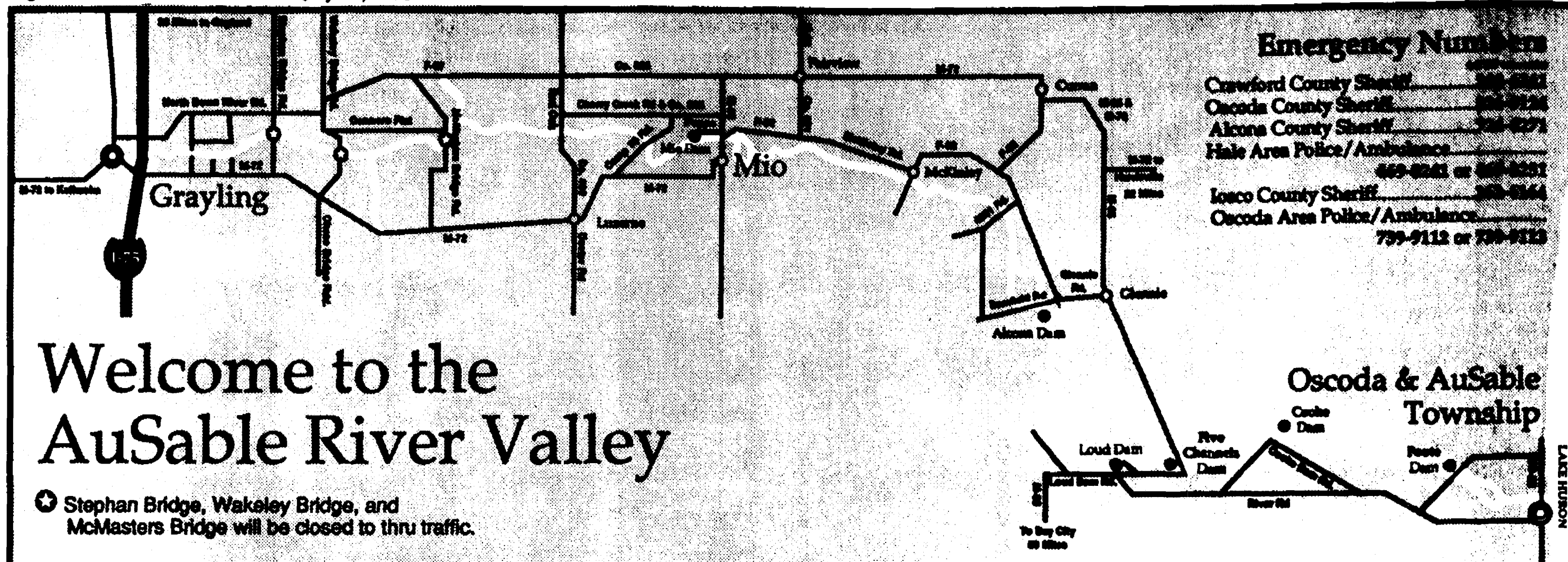
The race office will also be selling Marathon merchandise. Race programs will be available as long as supplies last.

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North America's Richest Marathon Canoe Race! OVER \$49,000 Cash and Prizes! EXPERT DIVISION CASH PURSE

1st	\$5,000
2nd	\$3,500
3rd	\$2,500
4th	\$2,000
5th	\$1,500
6th	\$1,400
7th	\$1,300
8th	\$1,200
9th	\$1,100
10th	\$1,000
11th	\$950
12th	\$900
13th	\$850
14th	\$800
15th	\$750
16th	\$700
17th	\$650
18th	\$625
19th	\$600
20th	\$575
21st	\$550
22nd	\$525
23rd	\$500
24th	\$475
25th	\$450
26th	\$425
27th	\$400
28th	\$375
29th	\$350
30th	\$325
31st	\$315
32nd	\$305
33rd	\$295
34th	\$285
35th	\$275
36th	\$265
37th	\$255
38th	\$245
39th	\$235
40th	\$225

41st place and beyond:
\$750 total;
not to exceed \$150 per team.



Welcome to the AuSable River Valley

Stephan Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, and McMasters Bridge will be closed to thru traffic.

Spectator Information and Safety guidelines. . .

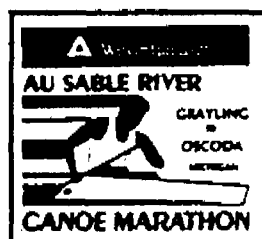
For the safety of the spectators of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon and at the request of Crawford County Sheriff Dave Lovely, the following changes have been made in Crawford County:

- All bridges in Crawford County (Stephan-Wakeley-McMasters) will be closed to all vehicle traffic. All vehicles will have to stop at the following points at each of these roads and turn around to exit they way they came in when leaving these bridge viewing locations.
- At Stephan Bridge Road, traffic will be stopped at North Down River

Road on the north and the public access road on the south.

- At Wakeley Bridge Road, traffic will be stopped at the top of the hill leading to the bridge on the north, and the public access road on the south.
- At McMasters Bridge Road, traffic will be stopped at the top of the hill leading to the bridge on the north and the public access road on the south.
- All vehicles will have to turn around at these points and leave the way they came in.
- At Mio Dam no spectators will be allowed on the spillway

- Load Dam: Due to construction there is very little parking. This site will be limited to race officials and feeder teams. Security team members will be checking cars for proper identification. All race fans should view the race from 5-Channels Dam or other vantage points.
- Cooks Dam: Also under construction. All viewing points will be on the south side of the river, where parking is.
- All other areas: Please observe posted parking directions and follow instructions of Security Team members who will be available to direct traffic flow and parking.
- Finish line, immediately upstream of Mill Street Bridge as in 1995. Follow Signs for Marathon Viewing Areas.



AUSABLE RIVER FESTIVAL SCHEDULES

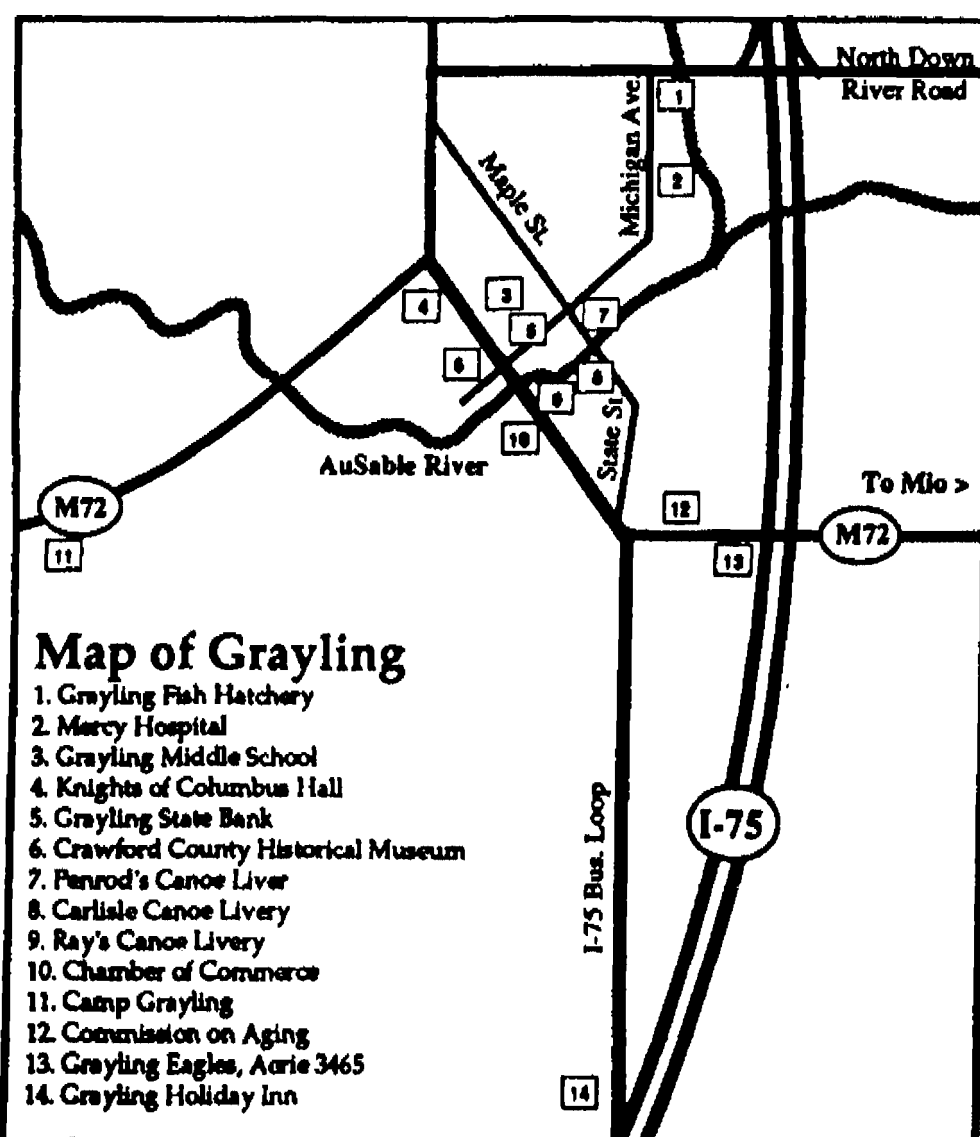
Grayling AuSable River Festival 1996 Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 25

Grayling Coffee Break
10 a.m. • Grayling State Bank
Grayling Business Relays
5-8 p.m. • Penrod's Canoe Livery
Sponsored by Camp Grayling Conservation Club
Marathon Expert & Amateur Division Sprints For Starting Position
5-8 p.m. • Penrod's Canoe Livery • Looped course, individual sprints for Marathon starting position
Ice Cream Social and Dance
6:30 p.m. • Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale St.
Self-Guided Tours of Camp Grayling National Guard Base
Maps available at the Visitors Center, Grayling City Park

Friday, July 26

21st Annual AuSable River Festival Fine Art and Country Craft Show
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Grayling City Park • Concessions available
12th Annual Youth Canoe Races
10 a.m. • Ages 10-17 at Carlisle Canoe Livery. For information call 348-2301
Marathon Expert & Amateur Division Sprints For Starting Position
2-6 p.m. • Penrod's Canoe Livery • Looped course, individual sprints for Marathon starting position
8th Annual Special Olympics Challenge
5 p.m. • Penrod's Canoe Livery • Special Olympic paddlers team with Marathon racers
Paddlers' Dinner
6:30 p.m. • Grayling Holiday Inn • Meet the paddlers. Awards presented for relay races and Special Olympics
Self-Guided Tours of Camp Grayling National Guard Base
Maps available at the Visitors Center, Grayling City Park



Saturday, July 27

Antique Car Show
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Michigan Avenue, Uptown Grayling
17th Annual Mercy Hospital AuSable River 10K Run and Fun Run & Walk
8:30 & 9 a.m. • Grayling Middle School
21st Annual AuSable River Festival Fine Art and Country Craft Show
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Grayling City Park • Concessions available
Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social & Craft Sale
Craft sale at 10 a.m. • Ice Cream Social at 12 noon • Michigan Ave.
AuSable River Festival Parade
3 p.m. • Michigan Avenue
Michigan Avenue Street Dance
9-11 p.m. • Uptown Grayling
Self-Guided Tours of Camp Grayling National Guard Base
Maps available at Camp Base and Visitors Center, Grayling City Park

Marathon Program & Events

Official Marathon Paddlers' Pre-Race Briefing
12 noon • Grayling State Bank • Official Marathon qualifying canoe measuring • Immediately following pre-race briefing • alternate location: Grayling Middle School
(*All remaining Canoe Marathon events will be held at Ray's Canoe Livery)

Glen's Market AuSable Challenge Race Check-In
4-5 p.m. • Standard, Pleasure, C-1 (one man), Amateur C-2, & Kayak
Glen's Market AuSable Challenge Race
5-8 p.m.
Pre-Marathon Entertainment Program
6:30 p.m.
Introduction of Marathon Paddlers
7 p.m.
Presentation of Challenge Race Awards
7:30 p.m.
AuSable River Marathon Raffle Drawing
8:45 p.m.
Start of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon
9 p.m.



GO GIRLS--The Bicycle Shop team won the women's division in the Marathon Business Relays last year, and took second place overall. This year they're ready to beat everybody! Pictured are Erin Welke, Wini Kolka, Gretchen Reiser and Pat Eilers.

Oscoda AuSable River Days Festival 1996 Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 30

Marathon Events
10:30 a.m., Challenge Race Check-in
AuSable Inn
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Marathon Finish
Mill Street Bridge
12:30 p.m., Challenge Race Events
AuSable Inn or Whirlpool
7 p.m., Marathon Awards Dinner
American Legion Hall

July 27 & 28

AuSable River Days

Coinciding with the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon is a celebration of the lumbering history of the area. Period costumes, entertainment and numerous events planned for the weekend. For more information contact Denise Coplin 517-739-4179.

AuSable River International Canoe Marathon

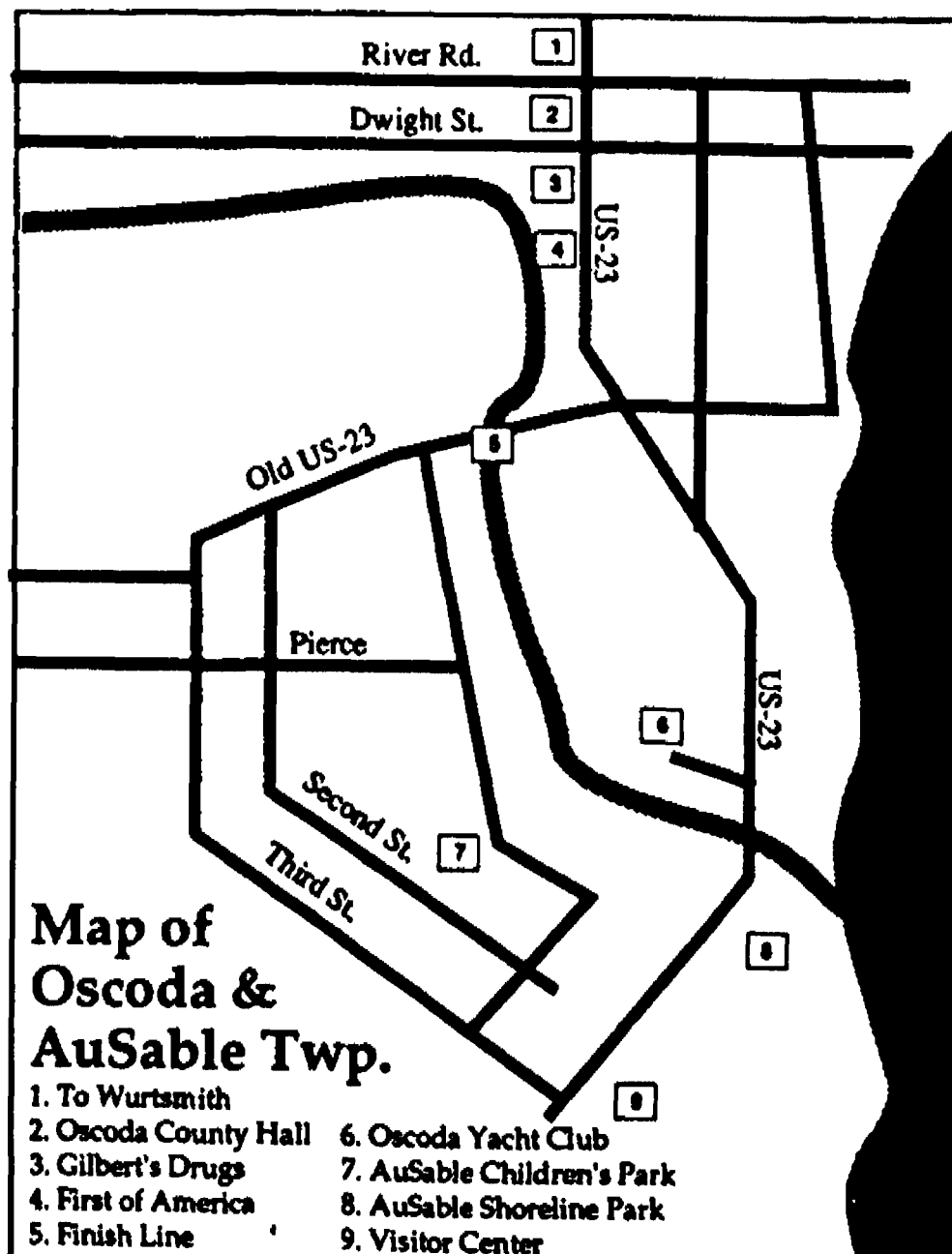
Known as the toughest spectator sport, this race begins at dusk in Grayling and ends in Oscoda 120-miles and 14 non-stop hours later. The second leg in the Triple Crown series, this race brings competitors and spectators from around the world.

USO Dance & Show - July 27

Step back in time and enjoy a nostalgic World War II dance and show. This gala event will take place at the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport and is sponsored by the Wurtsmith Division of the Yankee Air Force.

Dawn Patrol Fly-In and Craft Show - July 28

Enjoy a pancake breakfast, arts and crafts and a walk through aviation history. View a variety of historical, as well as modern aeronautical equipment at the third annual Yankee Air Force Dawn Patrol Fly-In.



Marathon draws top competitors

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La Classique last fall, snatching a 48-second victory over Corbin and Carriere at the 3-day, 14-hour race. The pair are both in the Triple Crown top ten standings and are expected to be in the "lead pack" that will attempt to knock off the pre-race favorites. Rudquist is a past AuSable champ, taking the 1989 Marathon with Randy Drake, 42, of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Also anticipated to challenge for the lead are:

•Bill Torongo, 34, of Roscommon, and Calvin Hassel, 32, of Grand Island, Nebraska, who finished sixth in the '95 Marathon. Torongo, who has second place Marathon finishes to his credit, holds third place in the '96 Triple Crown series. This will be the second AuSable race for Hassel, currently fifth in the Triple Crown.

•Nick Bauer, 36, of Spokane, Washington, and Matt Streib, 32, of Lolo, Montana, who jointly hold sixth place in the Triple Crown standings. Bauer has entered the Marathon once, this will be Streib's first AuSable race.

•Past AuSable Champ Randy Drake is teamed again with '95 partner Paul Facteau, 28, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Last year, the pair were the Marathon fourth place finishers and took third in the Triple Crown.

Among those battling against the river, the elements and the other

competitors in North America's richest, toughest non-stop canoe race will be Al Widing, Sr., age 71! This will be another in a long string of Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon appearances by Al that span five decades! Al will be padding with a "relative youngster," Forest Haines, 58, of Adrian. Haines is a past Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon amateur-division champion.

Among the Marathon Mixed-Team entries are Steve Landick, 43, of Marquette, and Lynn Capen, 41, of Boulder, Colorado. In 1989, Landick and Solomon Carriere were the first team to cross the Marathon finish line in Oscoda but were not awarded the victory as a result of being assessed a time penalty before the race began for a rules infraction.

They will battle Marathon mixed-team record holder Lynn Witte, 42, of Mt. Clemens, and partner Dave Shepherd, of Grayling. Witte set the mixed-team record of 15:05:26 [15 hours, 5 minutes, 26 seconds] with Jim Myers in 1988. She is one of a hand full of competitors who have completed the Triple Crown series each of the four years since it began.

Family ties are strong in AuSable Marathon competition. Bruce Barton's wife, Roxanne, 39, is teamed with Carrie Trudgeon, 26, of Oscoda, the only women's team entered. Trudgeon holds the Marathon women's

record of 15:26:14 with Bruce Barton's sister, Connie Cannon, of East Lansing.

Other Marathon pairings featuring family ties include:

•A father-son team: Ken Kolonich, 50, of Eaton Rapids, and son, Steve, 24, of Lansing.

•Brothers Tom Mills, 40, of Okemos, and Fred Mills, 42, of Roscommon, and the '95 Marathon amateur division champs.

•Brothers Tad Hill, 18, and Zak, 21, of Grosse Ile, competing in their first Marathon.

•Brothers Phil Trudgeon, 36, and Tom, 37, of Grayling, who finished ninth in last year's Triple Crown team standings.

•Brothers Sylvain Greffard, 30, and Denis, 36, of LaTuque, Quebec.

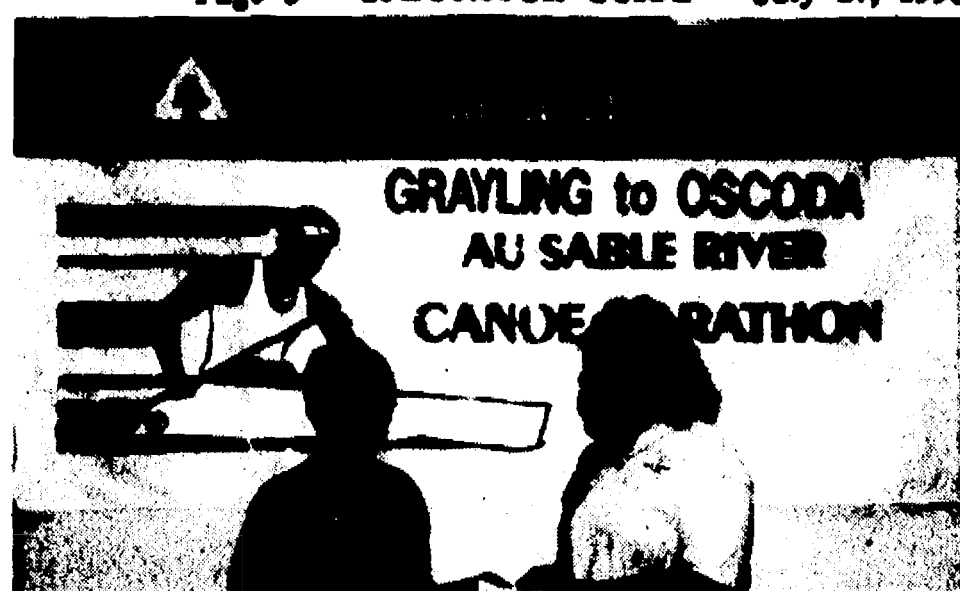
•Brothers Martin Garnsey, 35, of Cedar Springs, and Mark Garnsey, 31, of Rockford, competing in the Amateur Division in their first AuSable Marathon.

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon action begins with the Sprints for Position Thursday and Friday, July 25-26. The Sprints are much like "Indy 500" qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course, their lap time determines their starting

row position for the LeMans style run to the river on Saturday.

The Glen's Markets AuSable Challenge Events, staged on Saturday, July 27, in Grayling and on Sunday, July 28, in Oscoda, offer novices and other, more serious competitors, the opportunity to challenge the AuSable in shorter race events. Citizens Bank, Big Boy Restaurant & Bake Shop, Grayling Holiday Inn, Oscoda Home Center and Century Cellulose are Associate Sponsors of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's "AuSable River Festival" and Oscoda's "AuSable River Days" festivities, recognizing the unique importance of the AuSable River to these northern Michigan communities. For more information about the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon and festivals, or for information about tourism and recreational opportunities in the AuSable River valley area, contact: Grayling Area Visitors Council, P.O. Box 406, Grayling, MI 49738, 517-348-2921 or 1-800-937-8837; or Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce, 4440 N. US-23, Oscoda, MI 48750, 517-739-7322 or 1-800-235-4625.



**GRAYLING to OSCODA
AU SABLE RIVER
CANOE MARATHON**

MARATHON BENEFITS SPECIAL OLYMPICS--Ten percent of all Marathon entry fees are donated to Northland Area 4 Special Olympics. Presenting a check for \$480 from 1995 entries is Marge Martella, left, to Barbara Eva, Special Olympics Assistant Director.

Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing, Inc. Board of Directors

General Clinton Regatta	Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon	La Classique de Canots de Canots
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Triple Crown unofficial standings entering Stage 2

AuSable River Canoe Marathon

Paddlers eligible to proceed in 1996 Triple Crown

Place	Points	Name	Team
1	500	Serge Corbin	
2	495	Patrick Lynch	
3/4	490	Bill Torongo	
3/4	490	Al Rudquist	
5	480	Calvin Hassel	
6/7	475	Matt Streib	1st team
6/7	475	Nicholas Bauer	
8/9	470	Tim Triebold	
8/9	470	Bruce Barton	
10/11	465	Paul Facteau	2nd team
10/11	465	Randy Drake	
12/13	455	Al Shaver Jr.	3rd team
12/13	455	Andy Rudnitsky	
14	450	Jeff Kolka	
15	425	Clark Kent	
16/17	410	Mo Harwood Jr.	
16/17	410	Jim Harwood	
18/19	400	Ted Kolka	
18/19	400	Dave Shepherd	
20/21	395	Bob Silvermail	4th team
20/21	395	Mike Packard	
22	375	Steve Gagne	
23	370	Allan DuBois	
24/25	365	Ray Yehl	5th team
24/25	365	Den Gary	
26/27	355	Zak Hill	6th team
26/27	355	Tad Hill	
28	350	Dave Jensen	
29/30	335	Mark Rimer	7th team
29/30	335	Bill Dubois	
31	330	Andy Triebold	
32	325	Corey VanLoon	
33/34	320	Sylvain Greffard	8th team
33/34	320	Denis Greffard	
35	315	Lynne Witte	
36/37	310	Carrie Trudgeon	
36/37	310	Roxanne Barton	
38/39	295	Steve Watson	
38/39	295	Jason Hall	
40/41	270	Jon Webb	9th team
40/41	270	Joe Seifert	
42	265	Bill Fick	
43	260	Al Widing Sr.	
44/45	250	Dick Kloss	10th team
44/45	250	John Doyle	
46	245	Stephan Gudmunson	
47	230	Jeff Defeo	
48	225	Joe Pollack	

1996 Triple Crown prizes

The winners of the 1996 North American Triple Crown of Canoe Racing ("Triple Crown") will be the individual (or team) who paddles each of the three events and scores the best: General Clinton Canoe Regatta, New York, May 27; Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, Michigan, July 25-28; La Classique Internationale de Canots de la Mauricie, Quebec, Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2.

Finishers in each of the three races receive Triple Crown points based on 500 points for first place, 495 for second place, and so on. Contestants must enter and start all three events to qualify for the Triple Crown awards.

New for 1996, cash prizes will be awarded based on individual performance, and contestants competing as the same team in all three Triple Crown races will be eligible for cash bonuses.

A traveling Triple Crown Cup is awarded in the name of the Championship winner in addition to cash prizes.

1996 Triple Crown Team Bonuses

First	\$500
Second	\$400
Third	\$200

Triple Crown Career Standings 1st through 4th Triple Crown 1992-1995

Place	Points	Number of Triple Crowns	Name
1	5985	4	Serge Corbin
2	5860	4	Al Rudquist
3	5275	4	Randy Drake
4	4485	3	Solomon Carriere
5	4410	3	Tim Triebold
6	4345	3	Jeff Kolka
7	4330	3	Bill Torongo
8	3805	4	Lynne Witte
9	3765	4	Al Widing Sr.
10	3615	3	Connie Cannon

1995 Triple Crown Team Results

Position	Name	Points
1	Serge Corbin	1485
	Solomon Carriere	
2	Al Rudquist	1470
	Tim Triebold	
3	Paul Facteau	1455
	Randy Drake	
4	Jeff Kolka	1425
	Bruce Barton	
5	Denis Marcouiller	1370
	Corey VanLoon	
6	Tom Cannon	1170
	Connie Cannon	
7	Bob Silvermail	1165
	Mike Packard	
8	Steve Carpentier	1095
	Francois Dragenais	
9	Phil Trudgeon	1010
	Tom Trudgeon	
10	Bill Moran	915
	Mark Davidson	
11	Al Widing, Sr.	820
	Leroy Widing	

1995 Triple Crown Individual Results

Position	Name	Points
1	Patrick Lynch	1475
2	Calvin Hassel	1445
3	Jim Harwood	1400
4	Trevor Robinson	1240
5	David Jensen	1220
6	Mo Harwood, Jr.	1205
7	Steve Gagne	1160
8	Roxanne Barton	1115
9	Sylvain Greffard	1100
10	Blaise St-Pierre	1050
11	Lynne Witte	1000
12	Allan DuBois	955
13	Jon Webb	930
14	Joe Seifert	265

Triple Crown series has 'pumped up' canoe racing

In 1992, three of North America's premier marathon canoe races formed the Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing. The Triple Crown has succeeded in increasing public and media interest in the sport of marathon canoe racing. In 1996, cash and prizes awarded at the three races in the Triple Crown series, together with Triple Crown awards will total over \$100,000.

The Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing recognizes the top performances by marathon canoe racers who compete in all three of the Triple Crown events:

•The General Clinton Canoe Regatta - staged Memorial Day on New York's Susquehanna River - is a 1-day, non-stop 70 miles race from Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, to Bainbridge.

•The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

•La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie - staged Labor Day weekend on central Quebec's majestic St. Maurice River - a 3-day, 3-stage race from La Tuque to Shawinigan.

During 1992, the first year of Triple

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1996 General Clinton Canoe Regatta results (top 25)

Position	Name	70-Miler
1	Serge Corbin, Greg Barton	6:56:49
2	Patrick Lynch, Normand Mainguy	6:59:02
3	Al Rudquist, Bill Torongo	7:01:58
4	Bob Rapant, Steve Galib	7:02:07
5	Bob McDowell, Calvin Hassel	7:04:24
6	Nicholas Bauer, Matt Streib	7:05:40
7	Bruce Barton, Tim Triebold	7:08:04
8	Paul Facteau, Randy Drake	7:08:38
9	Bob Zaverl, Denis Marcouiller	7:09:10
10	Al Shaver Jr., Andy Rudnitsky	7:09:30
11	Carl Normandin, Jeff Kolka	7:12:03
12	Louis Berthiaume, Michel Beachesne	7:13:37
13	Denis Berthiaume, Eric Julien	7:13:47
14	Ed Curley, Todd Roadman	7:14:26
15	Mario Blackburn, Yves Bissonnette	7:15:38
16	Tim Valko, Clark Kent	7:15:59
17	Jean Thelland, Pierre Auchu	7:19:10
18	John Casale, Kip Robideau	7:19:14
19	Jim Harwood, Mo Harwood Jr.	7:19:15
20	Brent Lyesnik, Bill Thorp	7:19:51
21	Ted Kolka, Dave Shepherd	7:20:39
22	Bob Silvermail, Mike Packard	7:22:11
23	Jeff Shultis, Bill Rogers	7:25:06
24	Mike Devine, Rene Boogemans	7:25:07
25	Bob Bradford, Daniel Klinkhamer	7:28:38

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49th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

1996 Official Entry List -- As of July 21, 1996

Canoe #	Name	Age	City
2	Patrick Lynch	31	Shawinigan, Quebec, Canada
	Jim Harwood	31	Grayling
3	Mo Harwood, Jr.	17	Grayling
	Jason Hall	17	Grayling
4	Bruce Barton	39	Homer
	Solomon Carriere	39	Cumberland House, Sask., Can.
5	Andy Triebold	20	Marinette, Wisconsin
	Steve Watson	24	Onaway
8	Randy Drake	28	Virginia Beach, Virginia
	Paul Facticeau	28	Virginia Beach, Virginia
9	Al Widing, Sr.	71	Mio
	Forest Haines	58	Adrian
11	Rick Joy	37	Silverwood
	Ted Kolka	30	Grayling
16	Serge Corbin	39	St. Boniface, Quebec, Canada
	Jeff Kolka	37	Grayling
19	Russel Haines	32	Mayfield Heights, Ohio
	Bill Fick	41	Blissfield
22	Mike Packard	32	Maryland, New York
	Robert Silvermail	40	Bainbridge, New York
23	Ken Kolonich	50	Eaton Rapids
	Steve Kolonich	24	Lansing
27	Dwight Walker	42	Bremen, Indiana
	Frank Thompson, Jr.	29	Flushing
28	Lynn Capen	41	Boulder, Colorado
	Steve Landick	43	Marquette
30	Andy Rudnitsky		Unadilla, New York
	Al Shaver, Jr.	29	Meridale, New York
31	Wayne Winter	30	Oscoda
	Jason Walker	25	Oscoda
33	Steve Gagne	22	La Tuque, Quebec, Canada
	Stephane Aubry	24	Quebec, Quebec, Canada
35	Tad Hill	18	Grosse Ile
	Zak Hill	21	Grosse Ile
37	Roxanne Barton	39	Homer
	Carrie Trudgeon	26	Oscoda
40	Tom Mills	40	Okemos
	Fred Mills	42	Roscommon
41	Mark Rimer	41	Horton
	Bill DuBois	38	Jackson
42	John Gilbert	52	Oscoda
	Burt Poland	42	Oscoda
47	Jay Stephan, Jr.	45	Luzerne
	Ken Larkin	47	St-Louis De France, Que., Can.
48	Ken Jackson	57	Grayling
	Al Wissinger	50	Mayville
50	Ray Yehl	44	East Tawas
	Dan Gary	38	Oscoda
51	Jeff DeFeo	41	Chester, Massachusetts
	Jurgen Igel	45	Huntington, Massachusetts
54	Dave Shepherd	42	Grayling
	Lynne Witte	42	Mt. Clemens
55	Nick Bauer	36	Spokane, Washington
	Man Streib	32	Lolo, Montana
57	Joe Seifert	44	Grayling
	Jon Webb	36	Lachine
60	Allan DuBois	62	Cottage Grove, Minnesota
	Blaise St. Pierre	56	Lac St. Charles, Quebec, Canada
62	Tom Trudgeon	37	Grayling
	Phil Trudgeon	36	Grayling
63	Dick Kloss	54	Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada
	John Doyle	55	Ingleside, Ontario, Canada
64	Stefan Gudmundson	26	Guelph, Ontario, Canada
	Don Stoneman	41	Cambridge, Ontario, Canada
65	Sylvain Greffard	30	La Tuque, Quebec, Canada
	Denis Greffard	36	La Tuque, Quebec, Canada
71	Bill Torongo	34	Roscommon
	Calvin Hassel	32	Grand Island, Nebraska
72	West Hansen	34	Austin, Texas
	Allen Spelce	33	Austin, Texas
74	Tim Sheldon	31	Grayling
	David Teddy	22	Grayling
81	Tony Short	32	Grayling
	Blaine Toni	41	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Can.
82	Mike Bradford	31	Lapeer
	Clark Kent	36	Lapeer
86	John Sullivan	26	Roscommon
	Corey Van Loon	32	Corwall, Ontario, Canada
88	Tim Triebold	43	Marinette, Wisconsin
	Al Rudquist	36	Grand Rapids, Minnesota
91	Dave Jensen	32	Phillips, Wisconsin
	Mike Montgomery	29	Oscoda
96	Peter Heed	46	Westmoreland, New Hampshire
	Steve McAleer	41	Ludlow, New Brunswick
101A	Mark Hume	41	Oscoda
	Terry Curley	36	East Tawas
111A	Jeff Floyd	34	Ruby
	Mark Moses	33	Marysville
114A	Martin Gamsey	35	Cedar Springs
	Mark Gamsey	31	Rockford
117A	Ivan Paladi	51	Deford
	Frank Taber	46	Lowell
150A	Colin Hunter	15	Grayling
	Joe Pollock	37	Belding
177A	Tim Mackey	50	Mesick
	Dwayne Barnes	34	Mesick

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1996 MARATHON

Canoe #2

James Harwood, 31
Grayling
AJD Forest Products worker
Racing achievements: 1st place in
1995 Marathon
Sponsors: Sports Toddy & Suttles
Trucking

Patrick Lynch, 31
Shawinigan, Que., Can.
Shop worker
Racing achievements: 1st place in
1995 Marathon
Sponsors: Sports Toddy & Suttles
Trucking

Canoe #3

Jason Hall, 17
Grayling
Student
Racing achievements: One year
amateur; two years expert; General
Clinton
Sponsors: Jack Millikin, Inc. &
Showtime Collision

Mo Harwood, Jr., 17
Grayling
Student
Racing Achievements: Nine
national championships; 1st amateur
in Marathon; two-time Amateur state
champion
Sponsors: Jack Millikin, Inc. &
Showtime Collision

Canoe #4

Solomon Carriere, 39
Cumberland House, Sask., Can.
Guide, fisher, trapper
Number of Marathons: 8
Racing achievements: 1st in every
major canoe race
Sponsor: The Bicycle Shop & Cross
Country Ski Shop

Bruce Barton, 39
Homer
Farmer
Number of Marathons: 5
Racing achievements: 1st place in
LaClassique in 1987 and 1990; 1st place
in General Clinton in 1990
Sponsor: The Bicycle Shop & Cross
Country Ski Shop

Canoe #5

Andy Triebold, 20
Marinette, Wisconsin
College student
Racing achievements: General
Clinton for the first time in 1996; 1st
place in some MCRA races
Sponsors: Hospitality House & Jerry
Beltry, Inc.

Canoe #6

Steve Watson, 24
Onaway
College Student
Racing Achievements: Amateur
Points Champ; Rookie of the Year;
3rd at Sault Ste. Marie.
Sponsors: Hospitality House & Jerry
Beltry, Inc.

Canoe #8

Randy Drake, 28
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Professor of Kinesiology at College
of Wm. & Mary
Number of Marathons: 8
Racing Achievements: 2nd in
General Clinton, 1989; 4th at
LaClassique, 1995; 1st in Flin Flen,
1992 & 1993; 1st in Sea to Sea (Nova
Scotia), 1989
Sponsor: Carlisle Paddles

Canoe #9

Paul Facticeau, 28
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Computer teacher
Number of Marathons: 2
Sponsor: Carlisle Paddles

Canoe #11

Forest Haines, 58
Adrian
Geology professor at Adrian College
Number of Marathons: 6
Racing achievements: National
champion—masters, 1983, 2nd in
1984 & 3rd in 1985

Canoe #16

Ted Kolka, 30
Grayling
Head saw operator, AJD Forest
Products
Number of Marathons: 8
Racing achievements: two sub-15-
hour Marathons, 1994 & 1995
Sponsors: C and L Sports & AJD
Forest Products

Canoe #22

Mike Packard, 32
Maryland, New York
Technology teacher
Number of Marathons: 2
Racing Achievements: 13th place
1994 C-1 nationals; 3rd place C-1 pre
General Clinton 1992; 7th place in
1995 Triple Crown

Canoe #23

Robert Silvermail, 40
Bainbridge, New York
Material Specialist
Number of Marathons: 2
Racing achievements: 7th place
1995 Triple Crown; Molokai 1995

Canoe #27

Ken Kolonich, 50
Eaton Rapids
G.M. factory worker
Number of Marathons: 15
Racing achievements: Hawaii
outrigger canoe race, 1991 & 1992

Canoe #37

Steve Kolonich, 24
Lansing
Auto body painter
Number of Marathons: 8
Racing Achievements: 1988 placed
5th, 1989 placed 6th, 1990 placed 6th,
1991 placed 4th. National champion
at USCA Nationals, 1st in Spike's
Challenge, won four races last year.
Placed 7th in 1993 Marathon, 1992
placed 4th.

Canoe #40

Frank Thompson, Jr., 29
Flushing
Fisherman

Canoe #42

Lynn Capen, 41
Boulder, Colorado
Physical therapist
Number of Marathons: 1

Canoe #47

Ken Jackson, 57
Grayling

Canoe #54

Dave Shepherd, 42
Grayling

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Nick Bauer, 36
Spokane, Washington

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Joe Seifert, 44
Grayling

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Allan DuBois, 62
Cottage Grove, Minnesota

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Tom Trudgeon, 37
Grayling

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Dick Kloss, 54
Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada

Canoe #64

Stefan Gudmundson, 26
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Canoe #65

Sylvain Greffard, 30
La Tuque, Quebec, Canada

Canoe #71

Bill Torongo, 34
Roscommon

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Calvin Hassel, 32
Grand Island, Nebraska

Canoe #74

Tim Sheldon, 31
Grayling

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Tony Short, 32
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John Sullivan, 26
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Boulder, Colorado

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Spokane, Washington

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Cottage Grove, Minnesota

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Ivan Paladi, 51
Deford

PADDLERS' PROFILES



Clinton two times
Sponsors: Sylvester's, Grayling & Jackson Iron & Metal

Bill DuBois, 38
Jackson
Truck mechanic
Number of Marathons: 4
Racing Achievements: General Clinton - 4 times.
Sponsors: Sylvester's, Jackson Iron & Metal

Canoe #42
John Gilbert, 52
Oscoda
Pharmacist
Number of Marathons: 5
Sponsors: B&B Construction & Gilbert's Drug Store

Burt Poland, 42
Oscoda
General Contractor
Sponsors: B&B Construction & Gilbert's Drug Store

Canoe #47
Jay Stephan, Jr., 45
Luzerne
Builder
Number of Marathons: 10

Kenny Larkin, 47
St-Louis De France, Que., Can
Truck driver
Number of Marathons: 4
Racing achievements: Competed many times in La Classique. Has competed in the General Clinton and the Marathon several times

Canoe #48
Ken Jackson, 57
Grayling
Retired
Number of Marathons: 6

Al Wissinger, 50
Mayville
Toolmaker at G.M.
Number of Marathons: 1

Canoe #50
Ray Yehl, 44
East Tawas
Drywall
Number of Marathons: 8
Sponsor: Gary Oil Co. Inc., Oscoda

Daniel Gary, 38
Oscoda
Manager of oil company
Number of Marathons: 3
Sponsor: Gary Oil Co. Inc., Oscoda

Canoe #51
Jeff DeFeo, 41
Chester, Massachusetts
Builder
Racing achievements: 23 years whitewater down-river racing; completed last three General Clinton Regattas

Jurgen Igel, 45
Huntington, Massachusetts
Manager
Racing achievements: Whitewater and flatwater racing since 1976

Canoe #54
David Shepherd
Grayling
Sponsors: Penrod's Canoe Livery & McDonalds

Lynne Witte, 42
Mt. Clemens
Elementary teacher
Number of Marathons: 17
Racing Achievements: USCA Nationals
Sponsors: Penrod's Canoe Livery & McDonalds

Canoe #55
Nicholas Bauer, 36
Spokane, Washington
Assembler for Boeing
Number of Marathons: 1
Racing achievements: 2nd General Clinton in 1985, 3rd in 1986; 3rd in Shawinigan in 1984 & 1993; beat Serge Corbin at the 1989 Spokane Canoe Classic; 1993 men's C-2 national champ; six 2nd place nationals
Sponsors: Fluid Fun Canoe Sales & Crozier Racing Canoes

Matt Straub, 32
Lolo, Montana
Business manager at RV dealership
Racing Achievements: three or four time fledgling national champ; junior national champ on the Fox River; member 1980 U.S. Olympic kayak team; member of 1979 & 1981 junior

world kayak team; K-1 national champ men's 1981, 1994 & 95 Michigan State Champion.
Sponsors: Fluid Fun Canoe Sales & Crozier Racing Canoes

Canoe #57
Joseph Seifert, 44
Grayling
Electrician
Number of Marathons: 1

Don Stoneman, 41
Cambridge, Ont., Can.
Journalist
Racing achievements: Canadian Nationals since 1982; USCAs in 1983, 1988 and 1985; Cooperstown four times; and La Classique two times

Canoe #65
Sylvain Greffard, 30
La Tuque, Que. Can.

Baker, C.P.A., Boyne City

David Teddy, 22
Grayling
Student at C.M.U.
Sponsors: Forest Bros., Inc. & Steve Baker, C.P.A., Boyne City

Canoe #81
Doug Moggo, 34
Grayling

Classique 1983 & 84; 1st in General Clinton, 1983; Triple National Champion: 1985 men, 1986 mixed, 1988 C-1; since 1983, winner 9 out of 10 times at Snow Lake race; AuSable Marathon winner 1981. Currently 4th in the Triple Crown standings; 2nd place in T.C. career standings

Canoe #91
Dave Jensen, 32
Phillips, Wisconsin
Engineer
Number of Marathons: 1
Racing Achievements: Did the 1995 Triple Crown; 1st mixed team at the 1995 Classic with Roxanne Barton; attended 9 USCA Nationals, completed 6 General Clintons, 1st mixed pro in 1994; Wisc. State Mixed Champ 1992, 93, 94

Michael Montgomery, 29
Oscoda
Carpenter
Number of Marathons: 6
Racing Achievements: Triple Crown in 1994

Canoe #96
Peter Heed, 46
Westmoreland, New Hampshire
Trial lawyer
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing achievements: Four-time national whitewater champion; In 1994, won both the masters marathon and whitewater national championship

Steve McAleer, 41
Ludlow, New Brunswick, Can.
Firefighter
Racing achievements: C-1 pro winner at 1986 Cooperstown; three-time C-2 men's winner at Canadian nationals; finished in top three at U.S. nationals, 1993-1995

Canoe #101A
Mark Hume, 41
Oscoda
Mechanic
Number of Marathons: 1
Racing achievements: 1995 amateur rookie of the Year; 2nd in MCRA points
Sponsor: Schaff Lumber, East Tawas

Terry Curley, 36
East Tawas
G.M. worker
Number of Marathons: 1
Racing achievements: 1995 MCRA amateur rookie of the Year; 2nd in MCRA points
Sponsor: Schaff Lumber, East Tawas

Canoe #111A
Jeff Floyd, 34
Ruby
Accountant
Sponsors: J. Floyd Canoes, Ect.; Ray Eagen Masonry

Mark Moses, 33
Marysville
Sales manager
Sponsors: J. Floyd Canoes, Ect.; Ray Eagen Masonry

Canoe #114A
Martin Gamsey, 35
Cedar Springs
Engineer
Racing achievements: 3rd place in Holly; 1st place in Grand Rapids Strawberry Festival
Sponsors: Carter Lumber, Grand Rapids; Checkers Burgers/Fries/Colas

Mark Gamsey, 31
Rockford
Police officer
Racing achievements: 3rd place in Holly MCRA; 1st place at Grand Rapids Strawberry Festival
Sponsors: Carter Lumber, Grand Rapids; Checkers Burgers/Fries/Colas

Canoe #117A
Ivan Paladi, 51
Deford
Facility tech for General Telephone
Number of Marathons: 2
Racing achievements: Seven years MCRA
Sponsors: WHTN Productions; North Star Cable of Lewiston

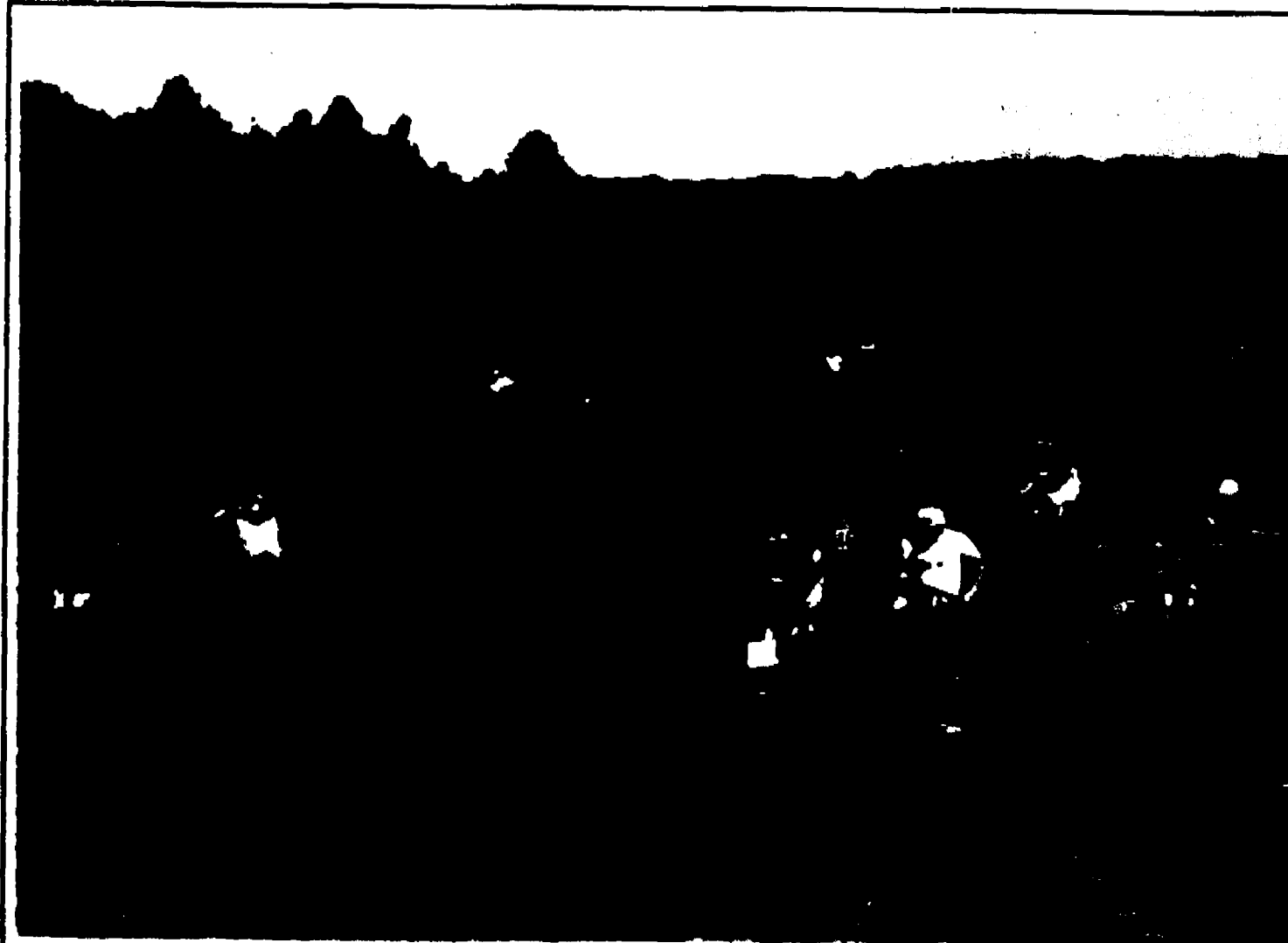
Frank Taber, 46
Lowell
Communications engineer
Number of Marathons: 10
Racing achievements: 11 years MCRA
Sponsors: WHTN Productions; North Star Cable of Lewiston

Canoe #150A
Colin Hunter, 15
Grayling
Host at local A&W, student
Racing achievements: 1995 junior state champion; finished General Clinton in eight hours and 49 minutes
Sponsor: Area Electric of Bay City

Joe Pollock, 37
Belding
Assembler
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing achievements: four-year MCRA member; raced General Clinton in 1996

Canoe #177A
Tim Mackey, 50
Mesick
Post office worker
Sponsor: Peacock Lmt.; Dave's Professional Glass Cleaning

Dwayne Barnes, 34
Mesick
Truck driver
Sponsor: Peacock Lmt.; Dave's Professional Glass Cleaning



GETTING READY TO PORTAGE--Teams approach one of six hydroelectric dams to portage during the 1995 race. (Bruce Miles photo.)

Racing achievements: Triple Crown 1995; 14th Ind.
Sponsors: Georgia Pacific & Milltown Electric

Jon Webb, 36
Lachine
Teacher
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing achievements: Triple Crown 1995; 13th Ind.; 6th 1994 national sprints C-1
Sponsors: Georgia Pacific & Milltown Electric

Canoe #60
Allan DuBois, 62
Cottage Grove, Minnesota
Retired
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing Achievements: 13th place at Shawinigan; 15th place at New York

Blaise Saint-Pierre, 56
Lac St. Charles, Quebec, Canada
Public servant
Number of Marathons: 5
Racing achievements: General Clinton; La Tuque and Mont Laurier; Cooperstown, Classique; De Canots De La Mauricie

Canoe #62
Tom Trudgeon, 37
Grayling
Appraiser
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing Achievements: Triple Crown in 1995
Sponsors: Alpine Appraisal Company, Inc. & Dr. Wm. Dean

Phil Trudgeon, 36
Grayling
Technician
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing Achievements: N.Y. General Clinton; Triple Crown in 1995.
Sponsors: Alpine Appraisal Company, Inc. & Dr. Wm. Dean

Canoe #63
Dick Kloss, 54
Grand Bend, Ont., Can.
Retired
Number of Marathons: 3
Racing achievements: General Clinton 10 times; 1987 Canadian Nationals Gold Medal C-2 Masters, won Masters in 1993; 1993 was 1st Marathon, finished 24th, 3 Marathons.

John Doyle, 55
Ingleside, Ont., Can.

Canoe #64
Stefan Gudmundson, 26
Guelph, Ont., Can.
Pharmacist
Number of Marathons: 1
Racing achievements: General Clinton three times; competed in Canadian Nationals since 1988

Clerk
Number of Marathons: 1
Racing achievements: AuSable River Canoe Marathon one time; General Clinton Canoe Regatta two times; Classique Inter. De La Mauricie four times
Sponsor: U.A.B. Dept. of Anesthesiology, Alabama; Agence Petroliere Guy Tremblay; Restaurant Scarpino

Denis Greffard, 36
La Tuque, Que., Can.
Draftsman
Racing Achievements: General Clinton Canoe Regatta one time; Classique Inter. De La Mauricie five times
Sponsor: U.A.B. Dept. of Anesthesiology, Alabama; Agence Petroliere Guy Tremblay; Restaurant Scarpino

Canoe #71
Bill Toronto, 34
Roscommon
Process technician, Weyerhaeuser Co.
Number of Marathons: 12
Racing achievements: 2nd in AuSable Marathon with Jeff Kolka; Moloki race in 1991; 2nd in N.Y. Clinton Regatta 1992 with Jeff Kolka; 3rd with Al Rudquist in the General Clinton 70-miler, 1996; Currently 3rd in 96 Triple Crown overall standings.
Sponsors: Weyerhaeuser & Baums AuSable Cafe

Calvin Hassel, 32
Grand Island, Nebraska
Technician
Number of Marathons: 5
Racing Achievements: Began racing in 1974; 14 wins at the U.S.C.A. Nationals. Currently 5th in the 96 Triple Crown overall standings.
Sponsors: Weyerhaeuser & Baums AuSable Cafe

Canoe #72
West Hansen, 34
Austin, Texas
Utilization management in Austin State Psychiatric Hospital
Racing achievements: Texas Water Safari (25th, 2nd, 3rd & 4th); Texas state championship races (1st & 2nd); unlimited class, 3rd cruiser

Allen Spelce, 33
Austin, Texas
Self employed
Racing achievements: Texas Water Safari (five finishes: 17th, 9th, 5th, 2nd & 3rd); Texas state championship races, four first-place finishes

Canoe #74
Tim Sheldon, 31
Grayling
Fabricator
Number of Marathons: 2
Sponsors: Forest Bros., Inc. & Steve

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Tony Short, 32
Grayling
Caretaker at Warblers Hideaway
Number of Marathons: 15
Racing achievements: raced at La Classique, General Clinton and Mt. Laurier with several top-10 finishes. Has placed second in the Marathon five times
Sponsors: AJD Forest Products

Canoe #82
Mike Bradford, 31
Lapeer
Carpenter
Number of Marathons: 7
Racing achievements: New York twice; Quebec once; won amateur division, 1986

Clark Kent, 36
Lapeer
C.P.A.
Number of Marathons: 5
Racing Achievements: Raced the Marathon 3 times, best pro finish 16th in 1993, Amateur finish 1st in 1991; currently 9th in the 1996 Triple Crown overall standings.

Canoe #86
John Sullivan, 26
Roscommon
Teacher at G.H.S.
Number of Marathons: 2
Racing achievements: 8th in 1993 Marathon; 1992 nationals, C-1, 9th place
Sponsors: Lansing Cardiovascular Consultants; Main Abstract and Title, Roscommon

Corey VanLoon, 32
Cornwall, Ont., Can.
Occupation: Computer Technician
Number of Marathons: 2
Racing Achievements: General Clinton 5 years; La Classique 5 years; Triple Crown, 1994
Sponsors: Lansing Cardiovascular Consultants; Main Abstract and Title, Roscommon

Canoe #88
Tim Triebold, 43
Marquette, Wisconsin
Machinist
Number of Marathons: 6
Racing achievements: 2 La Classique 93, 94; 1 Spike's Challenge 94; 95 General Clinton, 1 C-1 Masters, Adult Youth 94 USCA Nationals; 20th place in Birkebeiner 1995; 1995 Shawinigan champion; 1995 Sorel champion; Currently 6th in 96 Triple Crown overall standings, 5th place in Triple Crown career standings.

Allan Rudquist, 36
Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Paddle builder
Number of Marathons: 7
Racing achievements: 1st place La

There's no need to rush... rush... rush!

Following the race? You have somewhere between 14 and 19 hours to enjoy the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon! There is no need to rush...rush...rush!

Nearly all the race fans get caught up in the excitement of the battle for the lead: Will the records be broken? Can the reigning champions be beaten? Who will win the sprint of the lead teams from Foote Dam to Oscoda?

Why get caught up with the vast crowds hurrying from spot to spot, walking great distances to reach the viewing locations down by the river? Instead, consider moving out front of the crowd, arriving well ahead of most folks, and get a parking spot much closer to the action. Then relax, settle in and stay to see all or most of the teams pass by before moving on down the river ahead of the crowd once again.

You've got plenty of time to "hang out" at several locations along the course to see how the field is doing, from first team to last and still be able to catch up to and check on the lead team later in the race.

Every year, some of the most interesting AuSable Marathon stories unfold farther back in the pack. Close battles for position are fought by these teams as well. By staying at a few of the viewing locations for longer periods of time, you have the opportunity to see how well the teams that are farther back in the pack are doing.

The Mio Dam portage is generally considered to be the "hump" in this race. Most teams which make the portage over Mio in reasonable shape, before the 4:00 am cut-off, also finish the race in qualifying time. Nearly every year, one or two teams narrowly avoid missing the cut-off, while others may have to face that, for them, this year's Marathon is over.

Endurance, rather than sheer speed become more important for the contestants as Saturday night becomes Sunday morning. There are often major changes in the standings late in the race, for some teams simply finishing the race becomes their primary objective.

Endurance and proper preparation are important for spectators as well. Don't forget the basic necessities: a thermos of coffee, snacks, flashlight, binoculars, rain-wear, and good maps. Don't forget the designated driver.

This race is over 14 hours and 100 road miles long! Take your time! Good luck and be careful.



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PRIMARY SPONSOR



Weyerhaeuser's Grayling Structurwood® Mill has been the primary sponsor of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon for the past five years. Mill manager Phil Dennett, left, discusses plans for the 1996 race with committee volunteers Ed Martella, Mary Jo Conway and Marge Martella.

CHALLENGE EVENTS

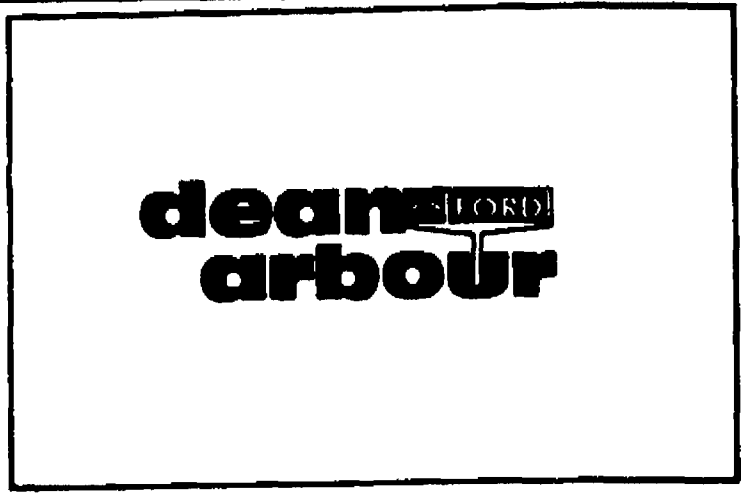


Glen's Markets of Grayling, Mio and Oscoda sponsor the Challenge Race events held during Marathon weekend in both Grayling and Oscoda. The Glen's team stages the Challenge Events which have grown in popularity among paddlers.

GOLF OUTING



Golf Outing Scheer Motors of Grayling is the proud sponsor of the Marathon Committee's Golf Classic held the Saturday before the Marathon at the Grayling Country Club. Pictured are sponsors Brad and Laurie Scheer.



Dean Arbor is the proud sponsor of the Marathon Committee's Golf Classic.

CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS



Old Kent Bank is proud to be a Contributing Sponsor. Presenting Old Kent's sponsorship to Committee volunteer Mike Dunkel is Dave Taylor, Senior Vice President, and Donna Masker, Assistant Vice President.



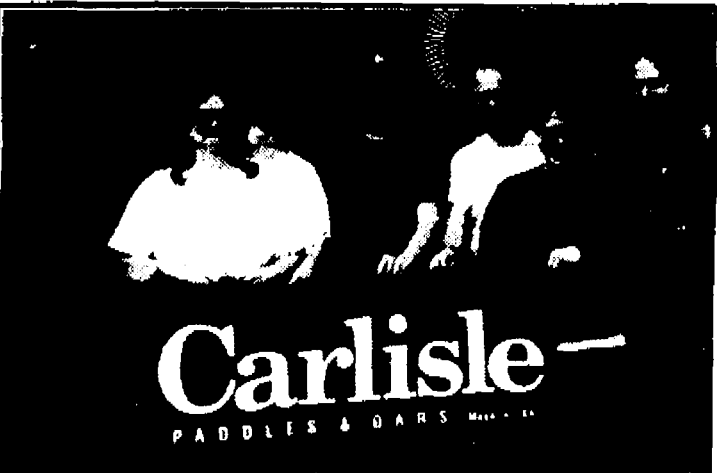
Georgia Pacific Resins, Inc. is a proud sponsor because the race brings the community together each year. The team from Georgia Pacific, from left, includes Bonnie Piper, Roberta Janisse, Beth Morley, Carol Vendeville, Jeff Andrews, Gregg Gothro and Gordon Cox.



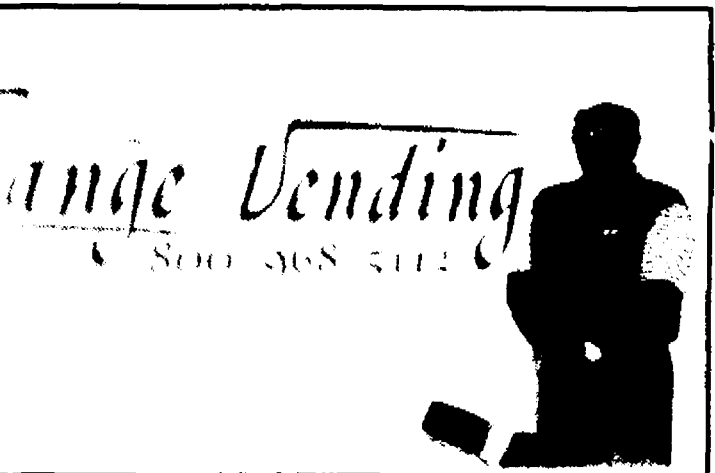
Chemical Bank likes being involved with the Marathon and is a proud Contributing Sponsor. Pictured are Connie Minnick, Sandi Enos, Mary Jane Powers and Deb Zelek.



Mercy Health Services North is proud to be a Contributing Sponsor of the Marathon, and supplier of the sponsorship tent refreshments. Representing Grayling Mercy Hospital is Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Chief Operating Officer, left, with volunteer Marge Martella.



Carlisle Paddles has been a long-time support of the Marathon as well as a Contributing Sponsor. The team from Carlisle is also proud to sponsor the Triple Crown team of Randy Drake and Paul Facticeau.



Lange Vending, Inc. is proud to sponsor the Canoe Marathon for the second year. Pictured is owner Ray Lange.



Fick & Sons is a proud Contributing Sponsor and enjoys supporting the community and the Canoe Race. Pictured is Charlie Fick, owner, and the team from Fick & Sons at the Super 8 Motel.



Wolohan Lumber believes the Marathon is a worthwhile community activity they enjoy supporting as a sponsor. Pictured from left are Scott Howe, Mark Miller, Marie Prams, Brian Farrington, Amy Kelley and Bob Rosen.



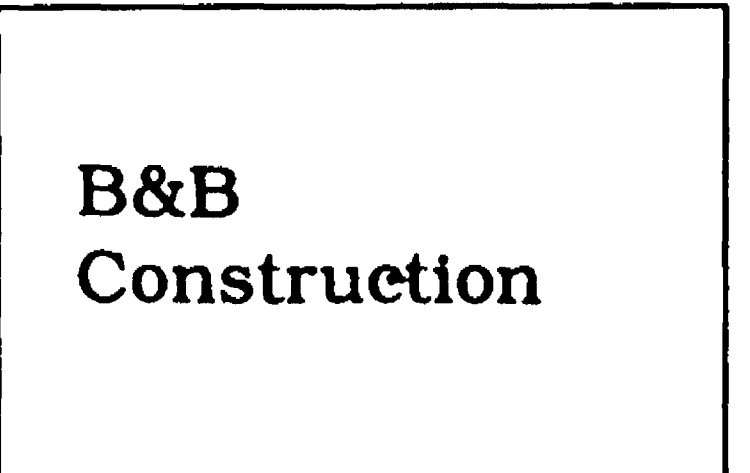
Mac's Drug Store is proud to be a Contributing Sponsor for the third year. Pictured from left are Maureen and Larry McNamara, owners; Marge Martella, committee volunteer; and Mike McNamara, owner.



Empire National Bank supports the race because it's an important community event. Representing Empire are Joe Jarvis, Theresa Kaiser, Wanda Jackson and Theresa Andrews.



Consumers Power Company has supported the race over the years by providing access to the six hydroelectric dam sites for paddlers, timers and spectators. A proud Contributing Sponsor, Consumers Power is represented by Thomas W. Bowes, Director of Hydro Operations.



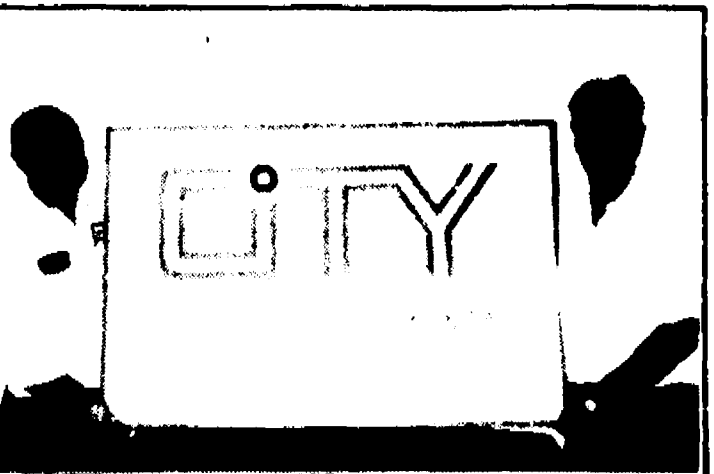
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Michael Gordon Ins. is proud to be a Contributing Sponsor.



Huron Bank is proud to be a Contributing Sponsor.



City Environmental Services, Inc. of northern Michigan is proud to be a Contributing Sponsor. Pictured are General Manager Bill Gulish, right, and Mike VanY, Route Supervisor.



First of America is a Contributing Sponsor of the Marathon.

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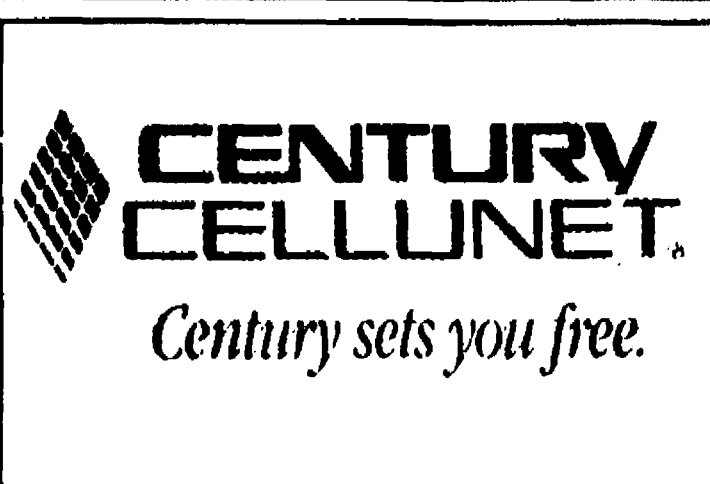
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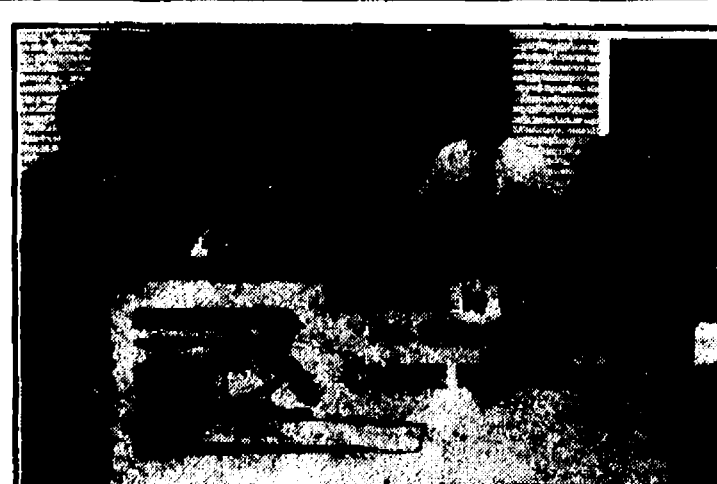
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Elias Brothers Restaurants, Inc. are proud Associate Sponsors of the Marathon. The team from Grayling Big Boy Restaurant and Bakery is pictured with Shelly Quintano, Assistant Manager.



Century Cellnet is proud to be an Associate Sponsor.



Citizens Bank of Grayling was the Marathon's first Associate Sponsor, and played host to the canoe measuring event on race day.

GAVC



GAVC Grayling Area Visitors Council has made a generous contribution to the Marathon this year to further promote the AuSable River Valley area. The GAVC's support is used for public relation efforts, including television coverage and video production. Pictured from left are Marathon committee representatives Ed and Marge Martella, GAVC President Dave Sabin and Joe Wakeley.

PRODUCT/MEDIA SPONSORS



The Crawford County Avalanche is proud to be a Media Sponsor of the 1996 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Pictured are the Avalanche management and staff.



MIX 106 has Oscoda's hometown radio station, is proud to become our newest Media Sponsor.



Holiday Inn is of Grayling proudly supports the Marathon as an Associate Sponsor, and hosts the Paddler's Dinner Friday evening before the race. Pictured are Holiday Inn General Manager Dean Smith, left, with Ron Fraser, owner.



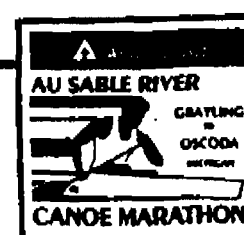
CellularOne is proud to be an official product sponsor of the Marathon. CellularOne provides committee volunteers with telecommunications devices during the race for timing, safety and media relations. Pictured is company representative Bridgett Harland of the Grayling Mini Mall office.



Sawyer Canoe is proud to be a Marathon Product Sponsor.



Oscoda Home Center is proud to be an official Associate Sponsor of the 1996 Marathon.



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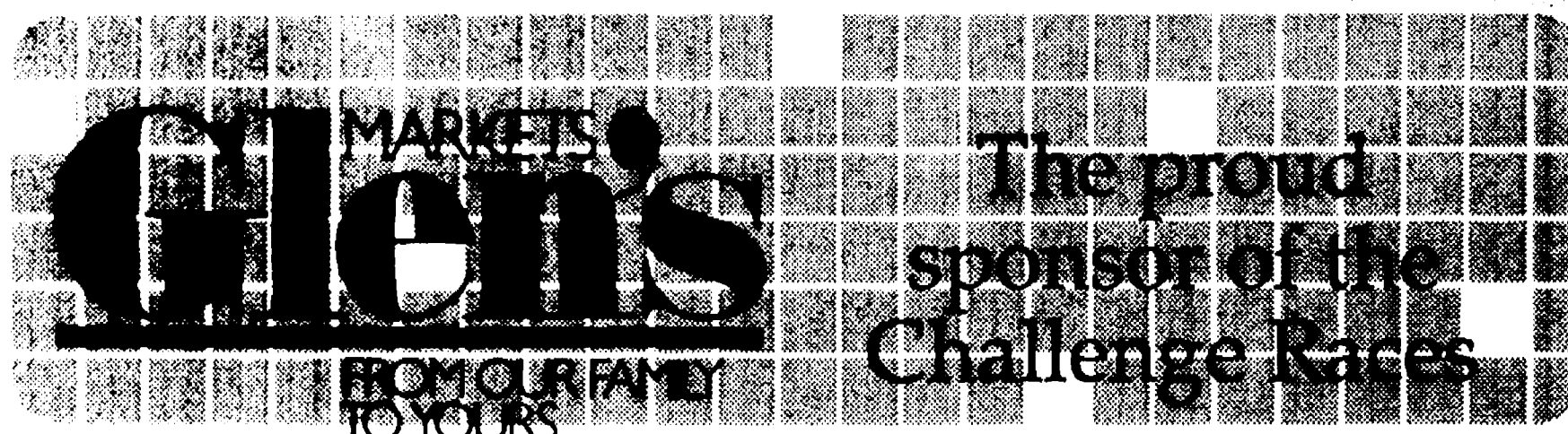
Gannon Broadcasting Systems, Inc., Purc Country 100.3 FM WGRY, Decades 101.1 FM WQON and 1230 AM WGRY is proud to be an official Media Sponsor. Pictured are station owner Bill Gannon, left, with sports director and voice of the Marathon Larry Roberts.



WUPS Radio is proud to be a Marathon Media Sponsor for the sixth year. Pictured are WUPS representatives Sindy Winkler and Tammy Thompson who will be covering the race from start to finish.



Loctite Corporation of the North America Group is proud to be an official product sponsor of the 1996 Marathon.



The AuSable Challenge Events Races for 1996 are again sponsored by Glen's Markets. The Challenge events have grown to be a significant part of the Marathon and festival weekend activities. The Marathon Committee extends sincere appreciation to Glen's Markets of Grayling, Mio and Oscoda for their support of the Marathon Challenge events.

The Glen's Markets' AuSable Challenge Events Races have five classes; C-1, C-2, Standard, Novice, and Kayak. Entry fee is \$15 for C-1 Class and \$10 per canoe for all other classes. Add \$10 the day of race for all classes.

The Glen's Markets AuSable Challenge will be held both in Grayling on July 27, 1996, and in Oscoda on July 28, 1996

C-1 Class: Grayling

Looped course downstream and back. Approximate winning time 45 minutes. Starting at Ray's Canoe Livery at 6:30 pm.

C-1 Class: Oscoda

Looped course. Approximate winning time one hour starting at the AuSable Township boat ramp and Dockside Party Store at 12:30 pm.

C-2 Amateur Class & Kayak Class:

Grayling

Looped course downstream and back. Approximate winning time 45 minutes. Starting at Ray's Canoe Livery; C-2 at 5:30 pm & Kayak at 6:00 pm

C-2 Amateur Class & Kayak Class:

Oscoda

Looped course downstream and back. Approximate winning time 30 minutes. Starting at AuSable Inn; C-2 at 12:45 pm & Kayak at 1:00 pm.

Standard Class & Novice Class:

Grayling

From Grayling to Burton's Landing, approximately eight miles. Starting at Ray's Canoe Livery at 5:00 pm.

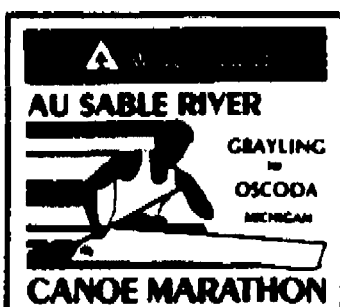
Standard Class & Novice Class:

Oscoda

From the "Whirlpool" to AuSable Township boat ramp & Dockside Party Store. Starting at the Whirlpool access at 1:00 pm.

Pre-register for Challenge Events

by mail or at the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon office in the Grayling Mini Mall, Monday thru Friday, July 22 - 26. There is a penalty fee for day of the race registrations.



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Volunteers make the difference

By Mary Jo Conway
Committee Volunteer

If you build it, they will come.

Over 40,000 spectators and race fans will converge on the AuSable River Valley this weekend for the 49th running of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The excitement has been building for weeks as race day and the activities surrounding it approach. Members of the all-volunteer Marathon Committee hope you enjoy the festival and race. We've worked hard to bring you an event to remember.

Behind the scenes at the Race Office are a group of volunteers who devote countless hours of personal time because, after all, the race must go on. Committee volunteers are too numerous to mention by name. It's the collective energy and enthusiasm for the Marathon that makes this thing work.

Marathon planning begins Monday morning following the race at the Redwood Motel where many committee volunteers and paddlers hang their T-shirts Sunday evening after the awards banquet. It's a quiet, reflective time. Everyone is tired, but still thinking about ways to improve the race.

Meetings begin in September when the board of directors is appointed from both Grayling and Oscoda. Each community conducts local meetings where Marathon business is discussed. Marathon-related events differ in both communities, because each area is unique. Events are tailored to meet the communities' needs. Joint meetings of both groups are held throughout the year as well, where overall planning and budgeting for the race takes place.

Perhaps fun is the most attractive benefit of being a part of the Marathon Committee. Despite the difficulties of staging a big race, the results are always rewarding because we always have fun!

Area residents have watched the Marathon grow over the past 49 years. With the creation of the Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing, spectator interest has grown and so has the number of paddlers participating in the event.

A board of directors for the Triple Crown oversees the coordination of these three races. The board consists of representatives from all three races. Their biggest challenge today is finding a major sponsor for the Triple Crown. When this happens — and it will — the media interest will increase for all three events. Then watch it grow.

Great events have a way of maturing on their own. And with a group of

volunteers who are dedicated to making it happen, the results are what we have today. A huge event for the cities of Grayling and Oscoda. Media exposure in major daily newspapers, television and radio stations throughout Michigan, the United States and the world. With every paddler comes a story. And the Marathon's organized public relations effort has spread the message consistently over the years.

The budget is always tight. This year we hope to break even so we can enter our 50th anniversary debt-free. We express sincere thanks to all those who support the race. It's the sponsor commitments and other donations that make the Marathon's purse attractive to paddlers from throughout the U.S. and Canada.

This year's excitement is at an all time high because of the fierce competition among the top teams. Defending champions Harwood-Lynch are facing tough challenges from Barton-Carriere, Corbin-Kolka and Torongo-Hassel. And although the race takes considerable funding, the paddlers aren't in it for the money. It's the challenge and excitement of the Marathon that intrigues them to be there.

And it's the army of steadfast volunteers who make this race happen for the communities' benefit and the promotion of our most precious natural resource, the AuSable River. You know who you are. Although we can't say it enough ... thank you!

Next year is our 50th anniversary, and we're already planning for that commemorative event. If the Marathon adrenaline is in your blood, call the Race Office or contact your local committee volunteer.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHALLENGE--The Grayling Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Special Olympics Challenge in 1996. Pictured is Joe Pencak of the K of C presenting a check to Lisa Burneister, committee volunteer and organizer of the Special Olympics Challenge. The event is held during the Sprints for Position on Friday afternoon. During their annual Tootsie Roll Drive, the Knights raised \$3,000 locally and over \$1 million statewide for various mentally handicapped programs.

Triple Crown series has 'pumped up' canoe racing

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Crown competition, just 13 racers competed in all three of the series races, in 1995, 36 racers completed the circuit. Over 40 racers are currently competing in the 1996 edition of the Triple Crown.

A close working relationship has been forged between the organizing committees of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Marathon and

Quebec's La Classique de Canots. With the help and support of state, provincial and national canoe racing organizations, basic canoe design specifications have been standardized and stabilized. The race organizations have learned much from each other and working together to further standardize and improve the quality of race organization, promotion and officiating.

The future plans and policies of the Triple Crown, a non-profit organization, are guided by a Board of Directors who are representatives of each of the participating races. During meetings at the AuSable Marathon, a La Classique in September and at the organization's annual meeting in the fall, the Triple Crown board will continue to explore opportunities to improve the Triple Crown series in such areas as sponsorship, merchandising, and media exposure.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions about the Triple Crown of North American Canoe Racing, contact any of the members of the Triple Crown Board of Directors or you may write to: Triple Crown, P.O. Box 911, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Triple Crown Champions

Year	Name	Points
1995	Serge Corbin	1485
	Solomon Carriere	
1994	Serge Corbin	1500
	Solomon Carriere	
1993	Serge Corbin	1500
	Solomon Carriere	
1992	Serge Corbin	1500
	Brett Stockton	

How to spot a Triple Crown competitor

Marathon contestants who are competing in the Triple Crown will be identified on the canoe with the letters "TC" and their Triple Crown standings position. For example: Canoe #88 - Al Rudquist, is currently tied for third in the Triple Crown, and Tim Triebold, is currently tied for eighth in the Triple Crown. For Rudquist, bow [front] "TC 3" will be near the front of the canoe and for Triebold, stern [rear], "TC 8" will be near the rear of the canoe.

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